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Q1

What is your full legal name?

Brent M. Powers MD MBA

Q2

Where do you live? Please provide full home address (no post office box).

Address	1405 Counts Ferry Road
City/Town	Lexington
State/Province	SC
ZIP/Postal Code	29072

Q3

What is your telephone number?

(803) 359-5390

Q4

What is your email address?

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Q5

Graduate degree

What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

Q6

What is your job title and place of employment?

Chief Medical Officer; Lexington Medical Center

Q7

Please list previous community involvement.

Current Board member on (1) Lexington One Foundation and (2) Transitions Homeless Shelter; Previous participant in Lexington One Dancing with the Stars; Mt Horeb UMC Finance Committee and Vacation Bible School

Q8

Do you have children currently attending and/or children who will attend Lexington District One schools in the future? If so, how many?

10th grader at Lexington High School; 7th grader at Beachwood Middle School

Q9

Have any of your children graduated from Lexington District One schools? If so, how many?

Lexington High School Class of 2020 (1)

Q10

Why do you think you would be a good Lexington District One board member?

I am a very strong advocate for public education. I believe public education is the backbone of our society, grounding each of us in our local communities. It brings all people together, originating from a diverse ethnic background, to pursue a common goal of the American dream. I believe every child with hard work and commitment deserves the chance for advancement. In fact, I believe this opportunity afforded to all citizens through public education is the very premise that differentiates America from other developed nations and is the secret to our economic and political dominance in the world.

As a Lexington One School Board member, I will work to STRENGTHEN the educational offerings in Lexington One, to include the arts and athletics.

Q11

Why are you running for a seat on the Board of Trustees?

As a parent of children in Lexington School District One, I am running for the board because:

- Public education is the vehicle that provides all children an equal opportunity for success.
 - Lexington One provides the support and leadership for parents as we collectively work to see our children becoming college or career ready upon graduation.
 - Board members should serve as positive examples for the district and have influential relationships with other community leaders to affect Lexington One's strategic plan.
 - I served as a Lexington School District One board member from 2012 to 2016:
 - Screening, interviewing and securing a new superintendent - Dr. Greg Little
 - Remodeling of schools to align with current recommendations for school safety
 - Securing of new firm to perform the yearly audit of Lexington One's financial statements
 - I serve currently (2017-2020 term) as Lexington School District One board member:
 - Pass \$365M bond to build three elementary schools, two middle schools and support renovations/safety improvements throughout the district
 - Provide medical leadership as Lexington One navigates Covid epidemic
 - Increased the number of students participating in dual enrollment representing \$1.7M in savings to 431 students
 - Realigned the middle school schedule to allow more instructional time in the core subjects of mathematics, ELA, science, and social studies
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Q12

What is the single most important issue facing public education today?

With all the uncertainty around the novel Covid-19 virus, I believe the single most important issue facing public education now is securing a stable educational model that maximizes the instruction, social interactions, and engagement of our students, yet balances the health and infection control risk to our students, teachers, staff, and community.

We also need to be sensitive to the amount of change we are asking our students, teachers, and staff to endure. Even with the best communication plan, change is difficult and costly, often distracting all of us from the the core education and student development functions of our District.

Finally, we need to extend grace to ourselves and our Lexington One family. The coronavirus did not start in Lexington One, yet we are all facing sacrifices because of it. At the end of this pandemic, we need to remain strong as a family of educators and students, prepared for the next challenge that our community will face.
