Application Form

Profile

Ms (Prefix) | Maria (First Name) | S. (Middle Initial) | Blair (Last Name) | (Suffix)

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Email Address

35 E Grattan St
Home Address

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Harrisonburg
City

VA
State

22801
Postal Code

How many years have you been a resident of Harrisonburg?

40 years since I moved back the last time

Home: (540) 746-0533
Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Retired
Employer

Educator
Job Title

Demographics - *(Submission of this information if voluntary and will not subject you to any adverse treatment should you chose to not complete)*

Ethnicity

☑ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☑ Female

What is your age?

☑ 50+ years old

Are you reapplying for a current position you hold? *

☑ No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT): On Agenda

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I feet that as a retired educator, I can help with decisions regarding at risk youth. This is a demographic that needs to be represented and have someone that can make effective decisions for their future.

What other interests or concerns do you have regarding the community?

Other interest I have within the community is that all generations work together cohesively to make Harrisonburg one of the best places to live in the state. This responsibility relies on all aspects of the community - citizens, businesses, schools/universities. I was born and raised here; lived different places but always returned. I raised a son here. I have seen many changes in this city from a small town to what it is today. Some changes I have agreed with and other not as much, but respect each person/sgroups opinions. However, I am proud to be part of the community and a resident of Harrisonburg.

What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?

I retired from the education field after more than 35 years. I have a BS degree in sociology and history, a M.ED degree in elementary education. I have taught elementary education, middle school and been an administrator in both elementary and middle school. Although retired, i continue to work with JMU as an adjunct professor in supervising student teachers.

Please list any past or present community involvement e.g. City Council, Boards and Commissions, Citizen Academy, etc. in Harrisonburg or elsewhere:

Served as liaison between St. Stephen's UCC and the Community Counseling Center Served on the board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters Also took part in the BBBS program as a Big in both the school and community programs

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EPSAC Applicants only

Bike/Pedestrian Subcommittee Applicants only

Ms Maria S. Blair

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Objective: To obtain the position on the CPMT

Skills:

-Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff, students, parents, business partners, and the general public.
-Ability to create a safe, learning environment.
-Able to prioritize and manage multiple tasks with strong attention to detail.
-Ability to develop effective allocation of fiscal and other resources.
-Ability to conduct and utilize research information and interpret SOL data for decision making and the betterment of the instructional program within the school.
-Ability to develop an Annual School Plan that results in increased student learning and other improvements to school management
-Able to ensure that staff members design coherent instruction based upon knowledge of subject matter, current instructional practices, students, and curriculum goals.
-Ability to supervise the alignment, coordination, and delivery of assigned programs and curriculum areas
-Ability to advise teachers in improving instruction, classroom management, and student discipline.
-Ability to administer and manage the daily operation of the assigned school.
-Ability to interpret School Board, State Board of Education, and Virginia School Law rules and regulations to staff, students, parents, and other community stakeholders.
-Ability to create, maintain and implement a safe and positive environment for all students and staff.
-Ability to create a school class schedule that maximizes student learning opportunities.
-Ability to plan and implement the school budget.
-Effectively uses community resources and involves parents and citizens in:
    Evaluating the school program
    Developing the Annual School Plan
    Volunteer services in the school
    Developing a Safe School Plan
-Received training in Fair Labor Standards and Incident Command.
-Excellent oral and written communication skills.
-Proficient use of educational technology and computer programs.
-Belief that all children can learn.

Work Experience:

January, 2022-present	University Supervisor, JMU Elementary Education
January, 2013-present	Secretary, Saint Stephen's United Church of Christ
July 2004-January, 2013	Assistant Principal at Plains Elementary School
August 2000-June 2004	Assistant Principal and Challenge Teacher at Elkton Middle School

August 1987-June 2000	Challenge Teacher at Elkton Middle School and J. Frank Hillyard Middle School
August 1976-March 1985	Teacher John C. Myers Middle School

Education and Qualifications:

August 2000-June 2001	James Madison University Harrisonburg, Virginia Completed requirements for Administration and Supervision K-12 certification GPA: 3.8
September 1974-December 1975	Bowie University Bowie, Maryland Master of Education in Elementary Education GPA: 4.0
September 1966-June, 1970	Longwood University Farmville, Virginia Bachelor of Science in Sociology

Interests:

Professional Organizations: (Previously)

National Association for Elementary School Principals
Virginia Association for Elementary School Principals
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
Virginia Association for Gifted and Talented
Rockingham County Principals' Association

Community Services:

Church Council – Served as President and Vice President
Marriage and Family Counseling Board, agency of the United Way –served as liaison between church and counseling center; Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters
Board of Local International Network Committee, provided medical supplies and money to Russia

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