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Janet Barbosa

**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT**

Dear Janet,

My name is Eric Paul Dorman, and I am sending this letter to express my intent to apply for the open seat on the New Bedford School Committee.

In 2001, my wife and I relocated from Detroit to New Bedford, as we believed that raising our family in New Bedford, surrounded by family and the community, would be best for our young family at that time. Since living in New Bedford, I have been blessed to have the opportunity to be part of many community outreaches and committees.

As a minister, I serve as the lead pastor of the Family Worship Center in Lakeville and have served there for 20 years. In my role as the lead pastor, I oversee a board and budgets for the local assembly. As a bi-vocational minister, I work full-time in the New Bedford District Court as the Specialty Court Coordinator, which oversees the Recovery and Mental Health Court's. These courts service our community in helping probationers with substance use disorders and mental health issues, to begin and maintain recovery and stability in our community.

In my daily duties as the Specialty Court Coordinator, I have the privilege of being connected within our community on many levels. I am a member of the Community Crisis Intervention Team, as well as I work with Rev. David Lima as a chaplain for the New Bedford Police Department. As a grandfather whose grandson attends our public schools, I am highly involved and invested with his education, working with his school on IEP's and 504's. Thank you for receiving my letter of intent for the School Committee.

Best regards,

Eric Paul Dorman