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**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and COMPLETE ALL ITEMS

Name: Ann M. Welch (Annie) Date: 1/13/21

Street Address: 2335 Michigan St.

City: Bellingham, WA Zip Code: 98229

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1. Name of board or committee-**please see reverse:** Child+ Family Well-Being Task Force

2. You must specify which position you are applying for.  
**Please refer to vacancy list.**

3. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?  
**(If applicable, please refer to vacancy list.)** -----  yes ( ) no

4. Which Council district do you live in? -----  One ( ) Two ( ) Three ( ) Four ( ) Five

5. Are you a US citizen? -----  yes ( ) no

6. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? -----  yes ( ) no

7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission? ----- ( ) yes  no  
If yes, dates: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County? ----- ( ) yes  no  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055, see instructions) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? ----- ( ) yes  no

You may attach a résumé or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions.

10. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education. see attached sheet

11. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission: I care deeply about the well-being of young children and their families and feel called to serve in this way if chosen.

References (please include daytime telephone number): Fr. Jeffrey Moore Assumption 360-733-1380  
Anne Turnbull 360-305-7784 Jane Beckle 360-224-3116

Signature of applicant: Ann M. Welch

**THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT:** As a candidate for a public board or commission, the above information will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission members are expected to be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, County staff, and each other. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in revocation of appointment and removal from the appointive position.

I have been a member of Assumption Parish in Bellingham for over 30 years. I taught at Assumption Catholic school from 1991-1999. While a parishioner I served on numerous committees and groups.

From 2000-2001 I spent a year working in an orphanage in Nicaragua. The orphanage Casa Asis consisted of around 30 young children age babies to age 6. This passion to help young children lead to work I am currently involved in as a co-leader for a Chapter of Catholic Relief Services in our area. We have been advocating for the passage of the Global Child Thrive Act, which we were successful in getting passed into law as of Jan. 1, 2021. You may have seen several Letters to The Editor in local papers recently referring to our work and our success. The GCTA will provide needed early childhood activities and nutrition for children around the world who live in poor countries or have been displaced due to war or violence.

I am a retired educator. I became a National Board-Certified teacher working for 18 years in the Mount Baker School District at Kendall Elementary from 2001-2019. Kendall is a high poverty school with an extremely high percentage of students and families on free and reduced lunch. While at Kendall I participated in numerous trainings for trauma informed practices. Every classroom contained a significant number of children with numerous ACEs. ACE stands for Adverse Childhood Experiences. I believe our children are our future and as an experienced educator I know the value of providing stimulating early childhood opportunities for youngsters and their parents as their first educators, so that children come to school every day prepared to learn. I was also a certified English Language Learner instructor. When I started at Kendall there was a large population of students whose first language was Russian or Ukrainian. I enjoy working with diverse populations.

Given my years working at Kendall Elementary School, I have a network of connections in the county and would be able to draw upon these established relationships in my work with the council.

If you have other questions about my abilities or willingness to serve, please contact me at 360-220-6838.

Annie Welch