My name is Laura Nelms, and I am the proud parent of Chloe (2nd grade) and Leyla (Pre-K).  My husband, Jonathan, and I moved to the neighborhood four years ago and have enjoyed being part of the Lafayette community.  I am excited about working to improve the sustainability of Lafayette’s facilities and grounds, and I would be thrilled to serve again as the Environment Chair of the HSA.

I am co-chair and founder of Lafayette’s GROW (Greening, Recreation, Outdoor Learning and Wellness) Committee, which promotes environmental and nutrition initiatives at Lafayette.  These include securing a grant to support gardening and cooking programs, organizing Healthy Schools Month and helping grow the school garden and outdoor classroom.

My professional experience includes working as an Environmental Specialist at the DC Department of Environment. I managed grants related to low impact development and led the DC Schoolyard Greening Consortium, which brought together organizations to work with DCPS schools to create gardens and outdoor learning spaces.  I have also worked at several environmental non-profits, with a focus on professional training and education.

I would be honored to serve again on the HSA as the Environment Chair.  Thank you for your consideration.