

Full Name

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What interests you in serving on the School Board?

Serving on the school board is an opportunity to help shape an environment where the community, teachers and the board can thrive and feel supported. My background in leadership and problem solving has taught me the value of listening, understanding different perspectives, and finding solutions.

How will you collaborate with the school board and district leaders to build trust and improve relationships with teachers?

Building trust starts with genuinely hearing and understanding how others are feeling. When people feel truly heard, there is space for real understanding and meaningful collaboration. My approach would focus on creating open, consistent channels of communication between the board, district leaders and teachers. I want to listen not just to respond but to understand their experiences, concerns and ideas. I also believe in the importance of following through on feedback, showing that others input leads to action is essential for building trust.

What do you see as the most pressing need in our District?

I think a lot of what I mentioned above applies here as well. Our district has experienced significant growth and with that comes necessary change. Change/growth is hard. It becomes even harder when people feel they don't have a voice in the process. That's why it's so important to create space for open, honest conversation helping us navigate, and communicate, these changes in a way that reflects what is best.

Many families in our community feel pressure from high property taxes and rising home valuations. How would you balance the goal of providing a strong education with ensuring that no family is driven away due to financial burdens, and what changes would you consider to address these concerns?

It is essential to balance fiscal responsibility with the commitment to providing a strong education. I believe in working transparently with the community to

make sure every dollar is used effectively and in a way that reflects the district's priorities. Maintaining open communication with the community about budget decisions can build trust and ensure that all voices are considered when making difficult decisions.