

Why are you running for school board?

- I am running for Ashland-Greenwood School Board because I have a vested interest in the school district and our community. I have two young children that attend AGPS, as well as nieces and a nephew in the district. I work in Ashland, and I care deeply about the communities and the residents of the school district. I want to help maintain strong, safe schools, support our students and teachers, and ensure fiscal responsibility. I believe my professional background in finance, leadership, and business would bring a valuable perspective to the board.

Property taxes are a challenge, especially with increasing property valuations in the district creating higher tax bills for local taxpayers. How will you support providing excellent educational and extracurricular opportunities for Ashland-Greenwood students while also being conscientious of the contribution of district tax payers?

- I think that we can provide excellent educational and extracurricular opportunities for students and be fiscally responsible at the same time. We don't have to choose one or the other. I believe it is important to continue to actively monitor expenses and look for efficiencies without compromising quality of education and opportunities for our students. I recognize that maintaining our strong school district requires investment. As a board member, it's important to try to find the best balance of what is required to preserve excellent educational and extracurricular opportunities while being conscientious of taxpayer dollars.

With growing enrollment, appropriate staffing levels are a concern. How will you ensure effective staffing levels are in place to address the varying needs of all students

- I think it is essential to retain the amazing teachers and school staff that we already have at AGPS. The staff is one of the district's most valuable assets. It's important to continue to improve the environment in order to retain and attract new staff. We need to continually evaluate where additional staffing may be needed as enrollment grows. By monitoring enrollment trends, future projections, and student needs, we can better anticipate staffing needs. This will help the board to proactively plan for long-term success.

What are other key issues facing the Ashland-Greenwood school district and how do you feel the school board should address them?

- We must ensure that all students are challenged at an appropriate level while preparing them for their future. This requires ongoing evaluation of our curriculum and programs, ensuring we offer opportunities for high-achieving learners and access to advanced coursework.

- Maintaining a positive culture at AGPS is another key issue. I think the staff has done a good job in creating a welcoming and supportive environment for students. As our community grows and changes, we need to be intentional in preserving and strengthening that positive culture.
- I think student safety is also a key issue that should remain a top priority. The board needs to ensure the right resources and support are dedicated to keeping our kids safe at school.