

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE BACKGROUND

Note: This information will be released to media personnel and the general public.

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Background: I grew up in Mankato, attending several Mankato elementary schools, Dakota Meadows Middle School, and graduated from Mankato West in 1999. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin Stout with a bachelor's degree in Dietetics. I used my degree in several healthcare settings before focusing my time on our children and becoming a stay-at-home Mom. My family and I lived in the twin cities and near Washington D.C. for several years. Living in these places provided an opportunity to experience other cultures and school systems. However, I had such fond memories of growing up in Mankato and my time at Mankato schools that I knew this is where we should be raising our children. We moved back to Mankato in 2016. I volunteer at my church and the backpack program in town. My husband and I also lead a Marriage Ministry because we are big believers in marriage and family.	
Reasons for wanting to be on the Board: I want to be on the school board because I believe our district can do better for our students, teachers, and parents. The last several years have taken a toll on the public school system. It's a stark difference between when our oldest daughter was at Dakota Meadows Middle School 5 years ago and now. We've heard stories of teachers being abused by students verbally and physically. We've witnessed children coming home crying and confused about their identity. Of course, the pandemic has caused countless challenges. The system is out of balance. I believe our school board can correct this imbalance. We can make our school safe again for our students and teachers. Schools need to be transparent with parents about what they are teaching our students, and we need to gain the support of parents because learning and good examples start at home.	
Additional Comments: For the upcoming school year, we made the difficult decision to remove our daughter Emily (13) from Dakota Meadows Middle School. We would love for her to be back in ISD77 schools, but we need to see change. With the current state of our schools, we saw our daughter's well-being eroding and knew we had to make a change.	