



# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## JENNIFER THOMAS GRIFFIN

### 2022 SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE PROFILE

#### JENISON RESIDENT FOR 28 YEARS

#### **WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION?**

Being a member of the Board of Education means working for the betterment of the district's students and parents. This must be the primary focus of any decisions made. I want to be part of making this district great!

#### **IF ELECTED, WHAT WILL BE YOUR PRIORITIES?**

To become an effective school board member. To get the experience and training necessary to be the best for the district. Do what's best for ALL students.

#### **HOW ARE YOU CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN THE JENISON SCHOOL COMMUNITY?**

How are you currently involved in the Jenison school community? Examples: Volunteering, school activities/organizations, etc.

Volunteered for food for last year's football camp, two-a-day practices, and varsity pre-game meals; allowed a student to shadow me in my practice, volunteer for food committee for 2023 Senior Getaway.

#### **WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE PRIMARY WORK/FUNCTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION?**

Being a liaison for the community and the students.

#### **WHAT ATTRIBUTES & BEHAVIORS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR EFFECTIVE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS?**

A desire to help. A listener. Passion for education. Must be selfless. Fresh ideas, ideals and perspective. Empathy for others. Courage to stand up for what's right.

#### **WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR EDUCATION IN OUR COMMUNITY?**

I want the students of our district to enjoy learning and get the most out of it. I want our students to have high moral character and strive to continue learning. Become great partners in our community and beyond. We need students to shadow members of our community in their fields of interest EACH year, because their interests will change. College is one option and the trades are another option.

#### **WHAT PARTICULAR EXPERIENCES OR SKILLS HAVE PREPARED YOU TO SERVE AS A BOARD MEMBER?**

I own my own business. I am a physician, which took a lot of education. I've been a physician for over 25 years. As a physician I uphold the Hippocratic Oath of do no harm. I want to help the children/community of my district as well. I've also served on a school sports board when we lived in Texas. I started out as a seat on the board and also served as concession stand coordinator and worked in the concession stand for K-6 football games.

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## **WHAT DIFFERENTIATES YOU FROM OTHER CANDIDATES AND/OR BOARD MEMBERS?**

I have experienced 3 different school districts with my son, two of which were in a different state. I myself have experienced schooling/training in two other states. So I've seen/experienced different teaching methods and modalities.

## **WHAT FOCUS AREA OF OUR STRATEGIC VISION EXCITES YOU MOST?**

Strengthen Student Learning--every person is an individual and learns in different ways--visually, repetition, orally, and simply by doing.

## **WHAT IS YOUR PERCEPTION OF THE CURRENT WORKING AND LEARNING CLIMATE IN OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT?**

I think the system is working well, but there's always room for improvement.

## **I FEEL MOST PASSIONATELY ABOUT:**

Learning and the different ways learning can happen. History needs to be learned from and not erased nor forgotten. Athletics and the arts are so beneficial for the overall health of our students. We need to let our parents be the parents.