



Board of Education Column

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Welcome to the 2024-25 School Year

School buses around town, cross country runners passing through neighborhoods, kids running into schools as parents wave from their cars, the sound of a football game in the distance ... these are the sights and sounds that remind me that our new school year is in full swing!

This year holds special significance as we welcome three new members, Jason Nelson, Kristin Nelson, and Allie Ollenburger – and their fresh perspectives and enthusiasm - to our [Board of Education](#). I am equally honored to continue working alongside our veteran members, whose experience and dedication inspire me to be a better leader and learner every day. Together, we are a team, ready to face the opportunities ahead.

Our work this year will be both demanding and rewarding. We are eager to dive into the critical task of negotiations, ensuring a fair and supportive contract for our teachers that aligns with our District's financial and educational values. The upcoming legislative session will also be crucial as we advocate for the resources and policies that will best support our schools. Additionally, we will continue our focus on long-range facility planning to ensure safe and healthy learning environments for all students. These tasks are significant, but I am confident that our board, in partnership with our community, will rise to the occasion.

As a former teacher, one of the most rewarding aspects of my board member role is visiting our schools. These visits remind me of the incredible power and value of public education. Our public schools are the heart of our community, where every child is given the opportunity to learn, grow, and reach their full potential.

As we embark on this new school year, I encourage you to stay engaged, share your ideas, and continue to support our schools. Together, we can make this year a success and ensure that our students receive the education and experiences that they deserve.

Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

