

Yvonne Wagstaff has been deeply involved with Douglas County schools for over a decade, driven by her commitment to ensuring every student feels valued and supported.



1. How long have you been involved with Douglas County School District?

10 years and counting!

2. What motivated you to run for the Board of Trustees? My children attend our schools, and I believe every student deserves to feel seen and valued. As a board member, my responsibility is to create policies and procedures that enable every student to thrive in life after leaving Douglas County Schools.

3. What's your favorite part about serving as a Trustee?

I loved congratulating our graduating classes as they crossed the stage. Visiting each school and witnessing all the incredible things happening in Douglas County Schools is another highlight for me.

4. What is your favorite memory or experience with Douglas County schools?

One of my favorite memories during my time serving so far was handing my daughter her diploma and giving her a big hug—it was such a special moment! I also really enjoyed taking part in the mock interviews hosted by DHS and Aspire for our students. It fills me with hope for the future, seeing how well-prepared each of them is for life after high school.

5. Where did you grow up, and where did you go to school?

I grew up in Texas and moved to Idaho the summer between my junior and senior year. It was hard moving across the country, however, it quickly became home, and I enjoyed my senior year and made lasting friendships.

6. Who was your favorite teacher or mentor growing up, and why?

My senior year English teacher, Mr. Hutcherson, made a huge impact on me. I was never very strong in reading or writing, but he was incredible at encouraging me to push myself to improve. Now, I have a deep love for reading—though I don't get to do it as much as I'd like, I credit that passion to him.

7. What is your vision for Douglas County School District?

I want every student to feel as though they're receiving a private school education within a public school setting. Every student, no matter their circumstances, deserves the highest quality education.

8. How do you stay connected with the schools in the district?

Having children in the schools is a tremendous advantage! It gives me a firsthand perspective on what's truly happening within our schools. I also love visiting each school site and connecting with the students and staff.

9. What are your favorite local spots in the community?

Our family loves being out on the lake, doesn't matter which one—boating or playing, we enjoy it all!

10. What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

Spending time with my family is by far my favorite—doesn't matter what we do, just being together brings me great joy!



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11. What's a hidden talent you have that most people don't know about? I love floral design. I actually went to school for it, but don't get to do it as often as I would like. Also, it's silly, but I can sing my ABCs backwards really fast.

12. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? I would love to travel around Europe and see historical sights. I think history is fascinating.

13. What's something on your bucket list that you're excited to accomplish? I would love to see and enjoy the Northern Lights. I know it seems simple, however, to me it would be magnificent!

14. If you could instantly learn any skill, what would it be? I wish I could sit down at my piano and play any piece of music instantly, without spending weeks or even months trying to learn it.

15. What's your go-to karaoke song? “Try Everything” by Shakira.

16. What do you think makes Douglas County schools special? We are a small, close-knit community, where every student matters. I know our staff is dedicated to connecting with each student, making them feel valued and supported. Being part of a smaller community allows us to focus on the individual needs of each student. Are we perfect? No, but as a district, we are constantly striving for improvement. As long as we remain committed to this ongoing goal, we will continue to grow and succeed.