



BETH HERRON

Hellgate Elementary Trustee Candidate

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I am a proud Montana native; born and raised in Kalispell, Montana. I come from a family of educators, including my grandfather who served as principal of Flathead high school for many years. I received my bachelor's degree from the University of Montana in Human Biology and then pursued a master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies. I practiced as a Physician Assistant for 10 years in specialties including general surgery, liver and pancreas surgery and gastroenterology. In addition to a medical background, I have helped support my husband with marketing and outreach events with his successful financial services business. I believe that my well-rounded background will be an asset to a school board trustee position.

I stepped away from active medical practice two years ago, as my oldest was beginning kindergarten, in order to provide a better balance for our young family. During that time, I have looked for other ways to become a more active participant in my children's education. I have been a weekly volunteer in my daughter's classroom as well as participated in other parent volunteer activities at Hellgate over the last two years. As a mother of a current Hellgate first grader, as well as other children who will be attending the district in the future, I believe I have a vested interest in the success of the district.

Our district is diverse, with children coming from many different backgrounds. I too am a product of a public school system education and believe it can set the foundation for a successful future. One of my objectives will be to continue to ensure that all children have an equal opportunity to thrive within our district, regardless of socioeconomic level.

Additionally, despite a housing influx in our district, kindergarten enrollment has been on the decline. As a result, the district will need to look for additional ways to supplement lost income so as to maintain the educational programs which make this district special. My goal is to help develop innovative ways to supplement these lost funds.

With an ever-changing education climate, I hope to be able to provide some fresh ideas in order for the Hellgate School District to continue to flourish.