



# Board of Education Member Profile

*Allie Ollenburger*

**Name:** Allie Ollenburger

**Board member since:** 2024

**Family:** Husband Tom, Henry (12) Annabel (9) and fur baby Nordy

**Occupation:** Strategic Support Planner at Microsoft

**1. Tell us a little about yourself and your background.**

*I am a lifelong resident of North Fargo and a proud product of the Fargo Public Schools, where I graduated in 2003 as a Fargo North Spartan. I have been married to my wonderful husband Tom for 15 years. We have two children, Henry 12 and Annabel 9, and our fur baby Nordy. As a family, we enjoy spending time at our lake place, hockey activities, Friday night movie nights, and traveling. My children are my greatest accomplishment in life. Raising them, spending time with them, learning from them, and advocating for them and their future brings me immense joy.*

*I currently work for Microsoft as a Strategic Support Planner, which means that I build strategies, tools and measurable outcomes for our global support organization. I have been with Microsoft since 2014 and have primarily been in leadership positions. Before joining Microsoft, I served 8 years in the Army National Guard and did a tour in Afghanistan as a combat medic and sentinel radar operator. My day job along with my natural drive and passion has brought me a broad knowledge of technology, leadership skills, accountability and oversight experiences. These skills and experiences enable me to generate creative ideas and successful solutions.*

**2. What was the reason you ran for a Board position?**

*I have always been committed to serving people and making a difference. I have taken an active role in our school system since my own children started attending FPS. It was through this experience that I saw many opportunities such as a lack of transparent communications, teachers afraid to speak up and fractured partnerships between parents, teachers and leaders. I hold a firm belief that if I have complaints or issues with how things are working or being run that I work with those in charge to bring solutions not just grips. FPS is not only my history, but also my children's future. I want a strong public education system for them and for all students in Fargo. I wanted to be a voice for our teachers, to use my skills to bring effective planning and common-sense strategies to the table to better our schools.*

**3. What do you see as big challenges for the District going forward? Challenges for K-12 education in North Dakota?**



# Board of Education Member Profile, cont.

*Balancing our budget, enabling the vision of our long-range facility plan and improving student outcomes.*

**4. Something you're proud of as a representative of the Fargo Public Schools:**

*I love the sense of community our schools bring. Each one has its own unique identity and creates a sense of pride from their students, teachers and neighborhoods. I am proud of the quality and depth of our educators. I also am very proud of the vast variety of co-curriculars we offer for students at FPS, that supplement the classroom learning and build education and experiences for the full student.*

