

Board of Education Member Profile

Katie Christensen Mineer

Name: Katie Christensen Mineer
Board member since: 2022
Family: Husband - Patrick, two FPS graduate sons - Andrew and Owen, and dog - Luna
Occupation: Non-profit state leader

1. **Tell us a little about yourself and your background.**
   I'm a non-profit state leader and mother of two children. In 2001, I received a bachelor's degree in education and spent six years teaching middle school and high school Spanish. After taking time off work to stay home with my kids, I pursued a master's degree in human development and family science. In 2012, I joined Planned Parenthood North Central States as an educator with a primary focus on positive youth development, parent-child connectedness and expanding access to much needed programming for vulnerable youth.

   Throughout my children's time in the Fargo schools, I've been active with book fairs, sports teams, volunteering in the classroom, and supporting the theater program.

2. **What was the reason you ran for a Board position?**
   I ran for a Board position because I believe in the value of public education and the important role it plays in strengthening our communities. I believe a public school board should be made up of people who value public education, trust teachers, and are committed to ensuring that every child has access to a world-class education.

3. **What do you see as big challenges for the District going forward? Challenges for K-12 education in North Dakota?**
   Politicizing public education diverts time, energy, and resources away from our teachers, staff, and students. Our educators and students deserve to be fully supported by our local, state, and federal policymakers.

4. **Something you're proud of as a representative of the Fargo Public Schools:**
   I'm proud to serve as a representative of a district that aims to provide the best possible education and opportunities for all youth. Additionally, our district provides exceptional fine arts education beyond anything that I've seen in other districts.