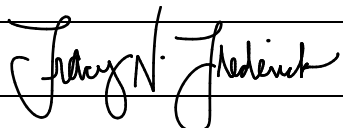




SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE BACKGROUND

November 3, 2026 Election

Note: This information will be released to media personnel, district website, and general public.

First & Last Name: Tracy Frederick	
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Employment: Executive Director at B the Light	
Children in the School District: Daughter at Mankato West, Grade 11, Son who graduated from MWHS in 2023	
Background: I've spent over 17 years working in K-12 schools in a variety of roles, so I understand the pain points our schools are currently facing. More recently, I've been studying how school leaders handle stress and pressure so they can do their best work for kids. I'm running for the board because I want to bring that real-world classroom experience together with what I've learned about what actually helps leaders make good decisions — even during tough, high-stakes moments. As the parent of a current Mankato West junior and a recent Mankato West graduate, I've also experienced this district from the family side, and I care deeply about the educational experiences we build for our students, staff, and community.	
1. Explain why you would like to serve on the Mankato Area School Board. I want to serve because our district is at a moment where thoughtful, steady leadership matters. Between rising pressures on educators and the everyday challenges families navigate, I believe the board's job is to listen closely, represent the full range of community voices, and make decisions that genuinely support the people living this experience — students, staff, and families alike. One priority I care about deeply is educator and staff wellbeing: schools can't thrive if the people running them are burned out. I want to bring that lens to the board's work, alongside a commitment to academic excellence and strong community partnership.	
2. How can you contribute to a successful school board? I bring a combination of experiences: years working inside public schools, and my current role leading a nonprofit organization, where I oversee operations, work closely with a board of directors, and manage community partnerships and funding. I know what it's like to sit on both sides of a board table. I'm a good listener, I stay level-headed when things get complicated, and I know how to turn tough issues into clear next steps. I believe in working openly with other board members, staff, and the community to keep students' best interests front and center.	
3. Is there anything else you would like to share? Outside of my education background, I am the Executive Director for B the Light, a local nonprofit, and I also run a coaching practice that helps people build the strength to handle life's harder seasons. Both roles have taught me a lot about steady leadership, sound decision-making, and supporting people well — and I'd bring that same grounded, practical mindset to the school board. My long-term vision for our school district includes ambitious goals for academic excellence, student and educator well-being, and strong community partnerships. Above all, I have a deep passion for education and a genuine desire to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students — helping build a strong foundation for their future success.	
Signature: 	Date: August 14, 2026