

2026-27 E.T. Booth School Council Candidates

Parent Candidates

Jordan Anderson

Hi! My name is Jordan Anderson, and I'm a fourth-grade teacher at Boston Elementary. Outside of the classroom, I'm a proud wife and mom to three beautiful girls. We love spending time together, whether we're cheering on the Braves, playing outside, or soaking up the sunshine at the beach or a cruise.

Our favorite time of year is fall! We love the cooler weather, cozy days, and, of course, college football. We're big Alabama fans in our house—Roll Tide! ❤️ 🐘

Kamila Gresham

Hello! I'm Kamila Gresham; a registered nurse, wife, and proud mom to an incoming 6th grader. As a healthcare professional, I advocate for others daily, listen closely, and solve complex problems under pressure. I'm eager to bring those same skills to our School Advisory Council. Middle school is a pivotal time of growth and transition. My goal on the council is to serve as a strong, collaborative voice for our families while working alongside administrators and teachers to keep our school thriving.

Key Priorities:

Student Wellness & Safety: Bringing a healthcare background to campus safety and support initiatives.

Parent Advocacy: Ensuring parent perspectives actively shape school decision-making.

Academic Excellence: Supporting programs that enrich learning during these crucial middle school years.

I would be honored to serve our school community.

Michael Jones

I am a civil engineer by education (BS & MS) and have been a small business owner (engineering firm), served as a county manager and currently serve as a city administrator. I have served as an Adjunct Professor of Civil Engineering at (formally) Southern Polytechnic St. Univ. In each of these roles public involvement was paramount. Working with others to create solutions was a necessary characteristic.

I served on the Student Advisory Committee for my oldest son while he attended Harrison HS (circa 2018-2020).

Keli McCain-John

As a parent of the Cherokee County School District for the past four years, I would be honored to serve on the School Advisory Council and help strengthen the partnership between families, educators, and school leaders. In my current role as a Senior Program Manager, I lead large-scale initiatives that bring people, technology and processes together to improve how organizations work. I would bring that same collaborative and problem-solving approach to our school community. I also have prior experience with the New York City Department of Education, where I helped lead educational technology, infrastructure, funding and procurement initiatives for a district with one million students across more than 1,800 schools. I've learned first hand about the complexities of supporting schools and my Master of Science in Industrial and Organizational Psychology has given me a research backed foundation in understanding how people collectively and individually, learn, perform and grow. Through previous professional and volunteer work, I've coordinated student internship, mentorship and career development programs. I'm passionate about helping young people develop life long learning skills and build the confidence they need to not only to succeed in school, but to discover what is possible for their future.

Bob McNally

I've been in Cherokee County for 20 years with two children enrolled in the school system since kindergarten. My son is a student at ET Booth and my daughter is a student at Etowah. I've been previously involved as a parent volunteer and chaperone at Oak Grove Elementary when my children were students there and I was selected to participate in the CCSD School Board's VILLA program back in 2019. I have subsequently been asked to participate in surveys and input meetings with the school board and superintendent. I care about our community and our students and I have demonstrated that through my continued involvement with our schools. I hope to get your vote to be a parent representative for the School Advisory Council.

Tejas Patalia

I am having PhD in Computer Science and Engineering with 22 years of Academic and Administrative experience.

Lakeitha Turner

My name is Lakeitha Turner, and I am a proud parent and active member of the E.T. Booth Middle School and Cherokee County School District community. I currently have a student attending E.T. Booth Middle School and a student attending Etowah High School, and I have also had three children graduate from Etowah. These experiences have given me many years of firsthand involvement with the Cherokee County School District and a strong understanding of the importance of partnerships between families, educators, school leadership, and the community.

Professionally, I bring experience in Human Resources, leadership, compliance, and advocacy. As a U.S. Army veteran, I value service, accountability, teamwork, and giving back to my community.

I would be honored to represent our community on the E.T. Booth Middle School SAC. I will bring a parent's perspective, strong communication and problem-solving skills, and a willingness to listen to the concerns and ideas of our families. Most importantly, I want to become more involved and help ensure that every student at E.T. Booth feels supported, challenged, and given the opportunity to succeed.

Dyani Tutt

Hello. My name is Dyani Tutt. I am a proud mother of 3 boys and a fabulous real estate agent! My oldest graduated from Etowah in 2024 and in addition to my middle schooler, I have one in elementary school as well. I have been an active member of the community for the last 19 years and am currently serving my third year on our elementary school PTA board. I have a strong desire to help others and serve my community. I would love the opportunity to positively contribute as a member of the ET Booth Student Advisory Council.

Deb Wisniewski

Hello, my name is Deb Wisniewski and I am a parent of 1 student at Booth (7th grade). I have a full time job at Randstad Staffing as a Sr. Human Resources Director that I have been at for over 12 years (and over 24 yrs in the HR field, aka: Adult Daycare!).

Students often see me volunteering as ""the ice cream lady"" on Wednesday's or Friday's every few weeks :), lunch monitor, on field trips or around the school events like Booth Bash, HOCO Dance, etc...

Volunteering is what truly fills my cup and I enjoy seeing the kids smiling faces and just saying hello to them to help brighten their day. I am looking forward to continue offering my help at Booth this year too!

I served a 2 yr term as Student Advisory Council at Clark Creek where I had the opportunity to provide meaningful feedback and learn alot as well. Since I have experience in this area, I would love the opportunity to also serve on the 2026 School Advisory Council at Booth to be able to help provide feedback, recommendations and solutions to continue to support and grow our schools and student advocacy in the community. I would appreciate your support in my nomination to serve on the SAC at Booth

Businessperson Candidates

Kristy Rae Carnaghi (JK Marketing, Inc. and Rae Residential, LLC)

I have been a proud member of the Cherokee County community for the past six years. As a local business owner and homeowner, I have a strong personal and professional investment in the success of our community and, most importantly, our schools.

I have owned and operated a successful marketing business based in Atlanta since 2008, and I recently expanded into the residential business sector. I also have a background in finance, having worked as an Account Representative with SunTrust Bank and in finance and marketing with First Republic Bank in Boston.

In addition to my business experience, I have firsthand experience working in education. I previously worked as a speech pathologist in an elementary school and also served as a substitute teacher. These experiences gave me a valuable understanding of the challenges educators face and the importance of strong communication and collaboration between schools, parents, and the community.

I believe my background in business, finance, marketing, and education would allow me to bring a well-rounded perspective to this parent position. I would be excited to use my professional experience and community involvement to support our school, our teachers, our families, and our students.

I am passionate about seeing our schools thrive and would be honored to contribute my time, experience, and perspective to help make a positive difference.

Gregory Iacono (Iacono Maintenance)

My name is Dr. Greg Iacono, DC. I'm a retired chiropractor. I have 3 children, 2 of whom are well-adjusted adults. I speak 3 languages, including English, Spanish, and Dutch. (All self-taught.) I've lived in 4 different countries long-term and been a business owner in 3 of them. I was a champion debater in college, I believe that children have rights but their parents' rights come first. I also believe that the current school system is deeply flawed and in need of major changes. If elected I will do my best to bring those changes to fruition.

Rachel Kinsey (Fathom Group, Inc.)*

I'm a parent who believes strongly in being involved, informed, and engaged in our school community. Our family has been active members of this school and the surrounding community since 2012, and over the years, I've had the opportunity to see firsthand what makes our community special and how important strong schools are to the families who call it home.

Professionally, I bring experience in business, finance, operations, and leadership. Those experiences have taught me the importance of listening to different perspectives, asking thoughtful questions, working collaboratively, and finding practical solutions.

If selected to serve on the SAC, I would bring that same approach to representing our families. I believe parents, teachers, administrators, students, and community members all bring important perspectives to the table, and I want to help ensure families feel heard and represented. Most importantly, I want to continue giving back to a school and community that has meant so much to our family and help ensure every student has the resources, opportunities, and support they need to succeed.

Kendall Ledbetter (Ledbetter Wrecker)*

My name is Kendall Ledbetter, I have been a life-long member of this community and went to E.T. Booth for middle school! I have 3 children, Olivia, 6th grade, Evelyn, 4th grade and Junior, 2nd grade. I serve as the co-secretary on the PTA board at Boston Elementary School. My husband and I have had a business in this community for over 12 years and we love to be involved and serve our community in many ways. I am so passionate about my volunteer work with the schools and I am so excited to be apart of E.T. Booth family again.

Detavia Macey (Tavy Beauty Spa)

I was PTSA at Woodstock middle when my oldest went there. When we moved I just took all kids to school. This year I'm trying to be more active. I also have experience with non profits also. I worked with mompreneur in Japan. Basically we held events for local business owners to meet new clients.

Genea Newell (Genea Newell, LMFT, CEAP)

As a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with 27 years of experience, I am dedicated to supporting the needs of my daughter, her peers, and the broader school community. My professional experience has given me a deep understanding of child and adolescent development, family dynamics, communication, and the importance of creating supportive environments where children can thrive.

I am actively involved in our church, where I have volunteered in children's ministry and currently serve in middle school ministry. Throughout each of my daughter's elementary school years, I served as a room parent, supporting teachers and helping meet the needs of students and the school community.

My purpose in serving on the School Advisory Council is to be a supportive and engaged voice for families, students, and educators. I believe in listening, building meaningful relationships, identifying opportunities for improvement, and seeking practical solutions. I am committed to serving wherever needed and working collaboratively to help create a positive, nurturing, and successful middle school experience for every student.

Yancey Stewart (Vitora Medical)*

My name is Yancey Stewart, and I have been a Cherokee County resident since 2005. My husband and I have raised our family in the Cherokee County School District, with three children graduating from Etowah High School and one currently attending E.T. Booth Middle School.

My name is Yancey Stewart, and I am a board-certified family nurse practitioner with a Master of Science in Nursing and over 10 years of pediatric nursing experience. I currently own and operate Vitora Medical, an independent healthcare practice in Woodstock. I have served as a guest speaker on health and wellness topics at local colleges and provided precepting to other nursing students throughout my career. My experience as a healthcare provider, business owner, education mentor, and longtime CCSD parent has strengthened my skills in communication, leadership, problem-solving, and collaboration. I would be honored to represent E.T. Booth families, listen to the perspectives of our community, and support decisions that promote the well-being and academic success of all students.

**These individuals have indicated that they are willing to serve in either a parent or businessperson role.*