



MEET the CANDIDATE

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What inspired you to run for school board? What makes you uniquely qualified to hold this position?

I am a lifelong Kenosha resident and proud product of KUSD (K-12) and local colleges. What inspires me most is the opportunity to leverage my expertise to lead initiatives that raise student success and streamline their transition to high school graduation. Me and my children graduated from district schools, and my grandchildren are enrolled at all grade levels. My personal and professional roots in this community give me a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing our schools. I am an experienced board member, prepared to make informed decisions that move students and the district forward. I have built collaborative relationships with students, staff, and stakeholders. Community members trust my leadership because of my long-standing volunteer service, passion for student success and commitment to education.

From your vantage point, what are KUSD voters' three biggest concerns in 2026?

KUSD faces several pressing challenges:
(1) Inadequate state funding that has failed to keep pace with inflation.
(2) Workforce recruitment and retention, particularly addressing teacher shortages.
(3) Improving student academic performance.
According to the Wisconsin DPI report card (2024–25 school year), KUSD ranks as the second highest-achieving of Wisconsin's five large urban school districts, earning an overall score of 63.7 ("Meets Expectations"). However, there is still important work to be done at the elementary level, where math and reading proficiency rates remain below state averages.

What is the last book you read?

"Rising Above the Odds" (by Sharmain Harris (Kenosha))

If you could seek advice from any person in history, who would it be and why?

I would ask Ruth Bader Ginsburg, former Supreme Court Justice, to advise us on ways to reinforce protection of due process and the rights of noncitizens during the nationwide immigration enforcement actions, particularly as it relates to public schools.

What do YOU see as the three biggest challenges facing the school board?

1) Gaining trust and support for an operational referenda to reduce continued structural deficits and protect class sizes and staff positions, and upgrading controlled building entrances
2) Elevating student voices, input and feedback;
3) Improving collaboration and managing conflict between school board members.

What are three things about you that voters should know, but cannot learn from reading your campaign materials?

1) I have a Type A personality; 2) I am a lifelong "teetotaler" (voluntarily and completely abstain from drinking alcohol) and a vegetarian (pescatarian); 3) I am a woman of great religious faith with unwavering trust in God.

