



▪ **How long have you lived in Spring Lake?**

My family moved to Spring Lake 10 years ago.

▪ **What experiences do you have with local governance?**

I currently serve on the Spring Lake Schools Foundation Board and have made it my goal to continue learning and serving our school system. Prior to serving on the foundation board, I served as president and treasurer of the Holmes Parents Club. I have lived in Spring Lake since 2012 and have a good understanding of the issues that our community may face.

I am approaching this position through a non-partisan lens so that I may appropriately represent all parents and children in our Spring Lake community.

▪ **Why are you running for the Board of Education? If elected, what will be your priorities?**

I am committed to keeping our students, teachers, and community focused on a quality education for all students. I have a personal interest in the success of this district, as I have a current 6th and 8th grader at Spring Lake Intermediate School and Spring Lake Middle School. Building a positive rapport with our teachers, parents and staff is critical to the success of our district. It is imperative that we put our personal agendas aside and work together for the best interest of all our students.

I believe in restoring communication with our parents and community members, which includes positively advocating for our students' success. We also must seek clarity and understanding in all issues before making any decisions. It is important that parents feel confident that our district is providing the best education and opportunities for their children.

School safety is a huge issue in this country right now. Ensuring that our students feel safe at school and our parents feel safe sending their kids to school is our primary goal. Another issue of concern is mental health. The constant pressure in this day and age to be high achievers and the increasing pressure of social media create a huge stress on our students. Anxiety and depression are at an all time high. Teachers need adequate resources and support in their jobs, and students need counselors and school psychologists readily available.

▪ **What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a board member?**

My past professional experience includes working as an account executive and media buyer for an advertising agency representing a national retail business. I have also had the privilege of working for the Kraft Heinz Company as a senior analyst responsible for reporting and managing key performance indicators for all 39 U.S. factories. This role has given me experience with goal setting, guiding, and monitoring my support staff, which would be beneficial to succeed as a school board member. Currently, I assist in accounts payable and payroll for our family business with financial responsibility and attention to detail as my specialties.

▪ **In what school district or community activities/organizations have you been involved?**

Staying well connected with my children's schools is incredibly important to me. I have volunteered as a coach and team manager for youth sports in my kids' lacrosse and cheerleading programs. My family and I are also active members of St. Mary's Church. As a mother, I understand the importance of taking an active

role in my children's education and that goes beyond the classroom. Therefore, I have been involved in multiple district activities to stay engaged in this community. This school board position is the greatest and most significant way I can stay involved and help this district grow. I look forward to serving the district, our students, and families in this capacity.