



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

37 years

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

Elected Spring Lake School Board Member: Past Vice-President, Past and Current Secretary

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

I'm a longstanding advocate for Spring Lake Public Schools. I graduated from Spring Lake High School, as did my daughter, as will my son. I'm deeply grateful that Spring Lake Public Schools proved itself an exemplary place for all of us to learn and grow, just as it is for so many young people. The success and safety of students, staff, and visitors has been and remains my top priorities. I've often been described as a "protector." I will protect all interests of every student throughout the district. What's best for kids is best for the school district. It would be my honor to continue to serve this community as a member of its School Board.

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

For 25 years, I served Spring Lake as a law enforcement officer, which involved work as school-community liaison. Since retiring from law enforcement, I have worked for Oakridge Public Schools. As a math and behavioral interventionist at Oakridge Public Schools, I'm witness to growing concerns within our education institutions. Additionally, I have been active on the Spring Lake School Board for 10 years. As a board member, my mission is to stay informed and do my best for our students and district.

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

- Former Coach of West Michigan Riptide Baseball and YMCA Basketball
- Participated in School Safety Trainings and Seminars
- Former Board Member and President of The People Center
- Spring Lake Public Schools Parent Volunteer
- Former Board Member and President of Spring Lake Schools Foundation
- Former Co-Chairperson of Spring Lake Public Schools Bond 2014
- Former President of Spring Lake Athletic Boosters
- Elected Board Member of Spring Lake Public Schools