

Ruth Amarillas

Continental Elementary School District No. 39



Hello, my name is Ruth Amarillas. I am running for the Continental School Board because I care for our Continental students and our community. I want to be the voice for students, teachers, parents and all stakeholders. I have dedicated my life to education and to serving our Continental community and have a vested interest in seeing our children succeed. I know that it is important to further develop and challenge our kids and prepare them for high school. We must work hard to better build our standing in the community and maintain high educational standards so

that our children are exposed to all opportunities equally. Together we will bridge any gaps and work diligently to improve any shortfalls and build on our strengths to propel our students to success.

I am a native Arizonan and grew up in Douglas, Arizona and later moved to Tucson to attend the University of Arizona. I have lived in the Continental Elementary School District for 20 years. Both of my children attended Continental Elementary School and our youngest is currently a sophomore at Walden Grove High School in Sahuarita. Continental Elementary School is the feeder school for Walden Grove. I have worked in education for 25 years and I am currently a middle school counselor at Coatimundi Middle School in Rio Rico, Arizona. My husband of 25 years is also from Douglas. He is in federal law enforcement and oversees offices that cover the entire southwest border region.

During the window that my children attended Continental Elementary School, I was part of the Advisory Board and Site Council for many years. I organized interactive Career Days that brought in many talented and experienced community members and professionals. I also organized Red Ribbon Days and weeks in an effort to show children the importance of remaining drug free. I am currently on the board of the Continental School District Educational Foundation which works with the school district directly to positively assist Continental Elementary School, students and teachers throughout the year. I continue to stay involved with the school as much as possible.

Education is vital and elementary is the foundation from which all else grows as the student continues to develop both physically and mentally. I have first hand knowledge that Continental Elementary School provides the foundation and facility where students have the opportunity to learn in a safe environment that is organized, caring, and challenging. I love Continental Elementary and its rich history. On November 8th, I respectfully ask you to vote for me for Continental School Board.