

Amy Krauss

Catalina Foothills Unified School District No. 16



I am running for re-election to the CFSD Governing Board. School Boards are nonpartisan for good reason: a Board member's undivided loyalty is to current and future students of CFSD and to you, the CFSD community at large.

I have been continuously engaged with the CFSD community for the past 18 years. In 2004 I began practicing law from my home, which enabled me to volunteer extensively at my sons' schools from the time they began their education at Manzanita Elementary. The talent and dedication of the teachers inspired me to seek out additional opportunities to support them. So began years of volunteer service at every stage of my sons' education, including leadership roles in the Family Faculty Organizations at multiple schools, and eventually leading to two terms on the Governing Board.

At this moment, public schools in Arizona face unique challenges resulting from a severe, national teacher shortage, the impact of the pandemic on student achievement and well-being, limited financial resources, competition from private and charter schools, and heightened concerns about school security. My knowledge and experience, coupled with my ability to think critically and analytically, make me exceptionally qualified to solve these, and other, complex problems facing our school district.

I am also committed to building on my accomplishments as a current board member. My top three priorities are: (1) to continue CFSD's efforts to attract and retain highly qualified teachers; (2) to continue reducing class size across all grades; and (3) to continue supporting student wellness by increasing the number of counselors at each school and promoting a proactive counseling curriculum.

I approach School Board service with these guiding principles in mind:

- A strong public education system is the backbone of the community. I am an ardent advocate for students' educational needs by prioritizing equal access to a robust academic curriculum and a wide range of extra-curricular activities.
- Lay control of public education keeps schools flexible and responsive to the needs of the local constituency. I listen to CFSD families, administrators, and fellow board members to establish goals that will move the District toward the community's aspirations for its schools.
- All stakeholders have the right to transparency in the Board's decision-making process and in the substance of our work.
- Fiscal responsibility is paramount. I will ensure that all funds, including tax dollars, are spent wisely and are aligned with our objectives.
- I will regularly monitor the performance of our schools to ensure accountability in meeting academic, financial, and operational goals.
- I will make decisions based on all available facts and my independent judgment, after full discussion at public Board meetings.

My fellow candidates Amy Bhola and Gina Mehmert share these values. I respectfully ask you to vote for me, Amy and Gina to ensure that CFSD continues to provide the best possible education for its students.

Learn more about Amy Krauss at www.thrive4cfsd.org.