

John Sparks

Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30



Name: John Sparks

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My wife and I relocated to Sahuarita from Tucson in 2006 with our children specifically to provide them with opportunities to attend school and grow up in a tight-knit community. In the ensuing years this choice has proven to be foundational in allowing our children to flourish, and while family values, norms and expectations play a formative roll in their development, the educational opportunities they have found at Sahuarita Unified School District play a major role in preparing them to succeed academically and socially.

We now have 3 children attending school in the Sahuarita Unified School District and our oldest is a proud Sahuarita High School graduate attending the University of Arizona. As a family, we are strong supporters of public education as a foundation of, not only our society, but the future success of our students. As my children have moved through the district, always attending district schools, and I have been honored to volunteer in many school activities including classroom volunteer, parent on field trips and band trips, and as an always present and energetic parent at sporting events. I am a believer in lifelong learning and after graduating from public high school I worked in the fire service for various years, and then, after obtaining two degrees in business, I spent time working in the home-building industry. Most recently I obtained a Doctoral degree in nursing practice and work as a mental health provider at a federally qualified health center and feel privileged to serve the community daily in that role.

I was humbled to be elected to the Sahuarita Unified School District Board in 2014 and have worked to serve the children and parents of the Sahuarita Unified School District across two terms. I have been honored to serve as President of the Board for three years and Clerk of the board for two years. During my time on the Sahuarita Unified School District board the district students have seen increased access to technology, expanded opportunities for individualized education both in-person and online. I firmly believe that all children should have the opportunity to attend school and receive a high-quality education and I have found that here in Sahuarita, and while there have been successes and advances, we must always work to continue forward improving and enhancing opportunities, supports and pathways for the children of our district. To this end I humbly ask for your vote so that I may continue to support and lead in the quest for high standards and increased opportunities for the students of Sahuarita Unified School District.