

# Wendy Effing

## Flowing Wells Unified School District No. 8



Admittedly, I was not raised in the Flowing Wells District, however, my husband was and attended Iola Frans, Walter Douglas, Flowing Wells Junior High and Flowing Wells High School. It was very important to us to raise our three children in the District. They all attended Richardson Elementary, Flowing Wells Junior High and Flowing Wells High School. I truly believe they could not have received a better education anywhere else. My son recently graduated from Northern Arizona University and my twin daughters attend University of Arizona and Arizona State University. They each entered college well-prepared academically.

When my children attended Richardson, I was deeply involved in the school. I volunteered in their classrooms and was President of the PTO for six years. During that time, I also chaired the Yes for Flowing Wells Committee running two successful override elections and one successful bond election. When my children moved on to Junior High and High School, the next logical step in my Flowing Wells involvement was to run for the Flowing Wells Governing Board. As I ran unopposed, I was appointed to the Board in 2016 and again in 2020.

During my time on the Board, I served as President of the Board in 2019 and 2020. I have served as the Pima County Co-Director for the Arizona School Board Association for the past four years. I have also served on the Finance Committee and the Legislative Committee for the Arizona School Board Association. Additionally, I have been on the Legislative Committee for the Arizona Interscholastic Association for the past three years. Needless to say, once I commit to something, I am all in.

I have truly enjoyed my time on the Flowing Wells Board. It has certainly not always been easy. We have come through some tough times, but it is important work, and I feel we have done wonderful, innovative things in the District during my time on the Board. Obviously, the credit is not mine to take, but I do feel that I have contributed in many ways.

Strong academics are of utmost importance but, aside from that, I am very passionate about the continuation of fine arts in our District. I also feel it is very important that we continue to offer athletics to our children at all levels at minimal cost. The relationships, commitment and tenacity students learn from belonging to something not just about themselves is invaluable. I know we say it all the time, but Flowing Wells truly is a family, and all of these activities contribute to that culture.

I would be grateful to have your vote so that I can continue our work in the District. After all is said and done, it is all just about what is best for kids.