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Vail Unified School District No. 20



Over the last 3 ½ years since I was elected to the Vail Unified School District governing board, I have spent an incredible amount of time learning the ins and outs of governance from the ground level. There is more to being a school board member than meets the eye, and the requirements are definitely not for the faint of heart. That said, I am running for re-election to remain part of an award-winning school district governing board to represent the parents, students, teachers and community members of not only the Vail School District but also of Pima County.

Last year, I was elected to the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) board of directors as one of the two Pima County Co-directors. This opportunity and honor allows me to advocate for policies at the state level which impact our students, staff and communities. Additionally, as a member of the Board of Directors, I get to take the award-winning policies and practices we use in Vail and promulgate them to districts around the state. Furthermore, I am an unabashed advocate for high-quality education for our students and continuing education for our teachers and staff. I also believe in continuous education for governing board members. This can be accomplished only if we choose to do so. I am modeling this by returning to school to obtain another Master's degree, this time in education, so I can more effectively advocate for the parents, students, and staff of all school districts.

As a governing board member, it is incumbent upon us to be visible members of the community we serve in addition to being independent thinkers. We are elected by the community to represent various points of view, even when we don't agree with them personally. Additionally, school boards in Arizona are non-partisan, and that is how I have made decisions over my first term and will continue to do so if I am fortunate enough to be reelected. One of the many things I have learned during my time on the board is the ability to disagree without being disagreeable; this is key to successful governance. When we put what is best for students first, everyone wins.

Parents and family are the primary educators of their children, and schools are there to support and enhance that education. This can be accomplished only with strong partnerships, and that is how the mission statement of Vail School District is modeled. "It is the mission of the Vail School District to provide parents with safe and nurturing school communities where their children can obtain a quality education." Finally, as both a Vail School Board and community member, we all know and believe that education is a community effort, and every decision we make as board members impacts the life of a child.

I am Chris King, a Vail School Board Member, ASBA Pima County Co-Director, Parent, Grandparent, Veteran, and Teacher. I am asking for your vote November 5, 2024.