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Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30



Originally from Safford, Arizona, I moved to Tucson to attend the University of Arizona. After graduation in 2000, I began working at the University. My husband and I have called Sahuarita home since 2004 and chose the area, in part, because of the community and schools. All four of our children are attending Sahuarita schools and have since kindergarten. I have served in multiple roles in the district, from substitute teacher to parent volunteer to PTO board member. I was appointed to the Sahuarita Unified School District Governing Board in July 2019 and again in January 2021. I am seeking to be elected to the board during the 2024 General Election.

I hope to work with the school district to improve and enhance facilities and move forward with the commitment to excellence for our students, staff and faculty. One of the challenges facing the Sahuarita Unified School District is growth, both in the area and the schools. While physical space and appropriate staffing levels are always a concern with growth, other aspects of education need to be considered as well. Things such as school safety, faculty and staff recruitment and retention, program offerings at multiple sites, and consistency throughout the district are all things that must be looked at closely in a growing, changing community. I am proud of the accomplishments achieved during the time I have spent on the school board. Achieving a 1:1 student to internet enabled device ratio, improvements to campus security, expansion of the district's dual enrollment offerings, and passage of both the district's override and bond initiatives are some of the highlights. I want to continue to foster the community commitment to ensuring students have the physical spaces needed for learning and the means to support programs like fine arts, sports, career and technical education, and student supports for mental health. I will ensure those dedicated resources entrusted to the district are used appropriately and within the scope for which they were approved. I will keep supporting new efforts and events to bring student-centered, dedicated individuals to the school district as teachers and staff members.

I am asking for your vote to continue my work with the Sahuarita Unified School District.