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Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30



Hello, my name is Kathryn Zanin, and I have been a proud member of the Sahuarita community for the past 36 years. Prior to my current job as the Accreditation Training Manager at the Sahuarita Police Department, I worked in education for 32 years. My experience in education spans all grade levels (PK – 12th grade). I have worked in various positions, some of which were Classroom Teacher, Professional Development Academic Trainer, Math Specialist, School Improvement Coach, STEM Coordinator, Transportation Director, Assistant Principal, Principal, and Superintendent. I have also been very involved in our community by volunteering my time as an AYSO Coach, SMS Student Council Advisor, SMS NJHS Advisor, 4-H, and SHS Band Booster Past President. I am also a member of Common Ground Church.

If I am elected to the school board, there are five specific areas that I will examine and try to improve. These areas are listed below.

1. Career and Technology Education (CTE): I believe these programs can be enhanced through business partnerships. These partnerships can provide financial support, apprenticeship opportunities, and school to work programs. CTE programs allow students to practice decision-making, enhance their problem-solving skills, and allow for workforce experience.
2. Fine Arts Program: I believe a robust and comprehensive Fine Arts Program across all schools and grade levels throughout the district sets the foundation for creating learning environments that enhance students' math, reading, and writing skills.
3. Teacher Recruitment and Retention: Recruiting and retaining teachers to work in Sahuarita is vital to student success. In my opinion, if we find ways to increase teacher pay, provide mentorship programs, and offer more professional development courses, we will be able to recruit and retain SUSD teachers.
4. Safety: I have noticed a significant increase in the number of serious acts of aggression and lack of disciplining students by site administration. Inconsistent discipline creates an unhealthy environment to work and learn.
5. Beyond Textbooks: From my experience, using Beyond Textbook curriculum limits the true potential of children due to the constant focus on testing students. This limits their abilities to be creative problem solvers and avoids allowing them to explore areas of interest. I believe instead we should bring together teachers from across the district to represent all areas of the teaching force and allow them to research and develop curriculum to meet the unique needs of all students.

This November, help make a positive change for the Sahuarita Unified School District (SUSD) by remembering the Z! Vote for Zanin and change the status quo to something more vibrant for students and teachers!