

Erik Nystrom (Write-in Candidate)

Tanque Verde Unified School District No. 13



My name is Erik Nystrom, and my family and I have called the Tanque Verde School District home for the past three years. Like many parents in this community, I care deeply about the quality of the schools our children attend and the opportunities they have to succeed.

Professionally, I serve as the Chief Financial Officer of Tucson-based Pima Medical Institute. In that role, I help manage the resources of a higher education institution and know firsthand how important it is to balance educational quality, responsible spending, and long-term planning.

Good financial is about making sure resources are directed where they can have the greatest positive impact on our students.

That is one of the reasons I am interested in serving on the Tanque Verde Governing Board.

Tanque Verde has built a strong reputation for academic excellence. My first priority would be to help preserve that strength. To that end, I believe we should pay close attention to areas where performance is moving in the wrong direction. In particular, I want to see the district reverse downward trends in math and reading achievement and make sure classrooms have the support and resources needed to help students succeed.

I also believe strongly in protecting school choice. More than half of the students attending Tanque Verde schools live outside the district boundaries. That says something important: families are choosing Tanque Verde because they believe it offers something valuable. I want to make sure the district continues to be a place families actively seek out, while maintaining the high standards and sense of community that make Tanque Verde special.

If I serve on the board, I would bring a practical and thoughtful approach to the role. I believe board members should ask good questions, understand the numbers, listen carefully to parents and educators, and focus on what is best for our families over the long term.

My goal is simple: help keep Tanque Verde one of the strongest school districts in Arizona. That means protecting academic excellence, supporting classrooms, using taxpayer resources responsibly, maintaining meaningful school choice, and making sure every major decision is made with students and families in mind.

I would be honored to serve the community my family calls home.