

Bettendorf Community School District
2021 Board Candidate Profile



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Occupation Adjunct Associate Professor of Philosophy,
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Education Ph.D. - Boston College
MA - Northwestern University
BA - The University of Texas at Austin

How long have you lived in the district? 6+ years (since we moved to the Quad Cities)

Family Spouse, 1 daughter (7th grader), 2 cats

School/District activities School Board & ancillary tasks; ongoing volunteering as a Girl Scout leader

Are you a Bettendorf High School graduate? No
If so, what year?



Why do you want to serve as a school board member?

A sense of duty—to help our new Superintendent articulate a vision for the district to grow and excel. While we have made some good progress in better understanding our long-term infrastructure needs, we still have work to do to improve the transparency and effectiveness of our budget.

What skills and/or experiences qualify you to serve as a school board member?

I am open-minded (my view can be changed through persuasion) and understand that sometimes a compromise (that doesn't satisfy either side, but recognizes all parties' key concerns) is, though painful, perhaps the best course forward. I understand that the school board's role is governance (working as a team to establish a long-term vision for the district) and fiduciary responsibility, not micro-managing day-to-day decisions.

What strengths will you bring to the school board?

I bring an even keel, a clear head, and a fundamental commitment to academic opportunities and excellence for all of our students.