

Bettendorf Community School District  
**2021 Board Candidate Profile**



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**Occupation** Director of Operations for  
The Stephanie K Group  
Licensed Real Estate Team



**Education** Graduated from Northeast Community High School

**How long have you lived in the district?** 15 years

**Family** Married 13 years - Husband Lee Zumdome, Tristan Zumdome (11 years old), Camden Zumdome (7 years old), and Gavin Zumdome (1 year old)

**School/District activities** Now that my oldest child is in 6th grade, we are excited to be more involved in the sports and activities with the Middle School. In the past we have always done our best to attend the fundraising/family events at Herbert Hoover.

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

**Why do you want to serve as a school board member?** I look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with leadership, teachers, staff, parents and the community to increase access to a quality education. Being a parent to a BCSD student, my decisions will be focused on the welfare of the school as a whole, not on the welfare of my own children. Focus on serving all children. Ensure every deliberation,

decision and action reflects the best interests of every student we serve. No child is more important than another.

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

My first exposure to the work force came at a very young age working on my family farm. Growing up on a farm taught me a plethora of life lessons and applicable skills. From time and money management to the value of hard work.

Professionally, I have over 18 years of experience in business, sales, and marketing in which I have held several leadership roles. I am currently a Director of Operations for a Real Estate Team - The Stephanie K Group. Being a Director of Operations for a real estate team means I oversee a number of processes that keep everyone on track and new business coming in. I focus on establishing improvements and defining goals for the business. Assist in developing strategies and implementation plans to improve and standardize all aspects of operations. Relationships are everything to us; we connect people to their homes and to their communities. Our clients' needs and best interests are at the heart of everything we do.

The best skills I have obtained are from my role as a mother to my 3 beautiful boys. Many parents can relate that your children are all unique in their own way. The task of parenting is a constantly changing one as the growing needs and abilities of our children change over time. Adaptability and flexibility are two key strengths that I have obtained from being a parent and look forward to using those to support my role on the board.

**What strengths will you bring to the school board?**

I am a critical thinker who can adapt to any environment, has great organizational and analytical skills, and can articulate the school's mission and vision to the local community.

I am not afraid to ask questions and demand facts, I pride myself on being able to listen to others and still make independent decisions. I respect tradition yet know that it is important to embrace new ideas and technology and remain flexible.