

What Will I Bring To The Board?

I can offer a unique combination of knowledge, skills and experience to meet the challenges facing our school district while ensuring that our students get the best our teachers have to offer.

Community Leadership

- **2013 - Present:** Audit Committee - City of Lakewood: In 2013 and 2014 Lakewood received Ohio's Distinguished Audit Award
- **2010 - Present:** Hayes PTO active member and executive committee (3 years)
- **2012 - Present:** Harding PTSA active member, exec. Committee (2 years), council of PTA rep (1 year)
- **2008 - Present:** Cleveland Fisher House - raised \$318,000 for the families of the war wounded.
- **2010 - Present:** Crosse Out Cancer - raised \$88,000 for breast cancer research.

My experience working in the community has provided me with a broad knowledge of how to connect with stakeholders, listen to concerns, build consensus, and manage a diverse group of non-employee stakeholders to achieve a goal.

Teaching Knowledge

I have 5+ years of experience as a teacher in the City of Buffalo, NY working with high risk students. This experience includes 2 years working with emotionally disturbed / special needs students and 3 years creating and implementing a mastery learning program targeting at risk students at high risk schools. My experience has given me first-hand knowledge of the challenges our teachers/ administrators face and the support they need.

Small Business Skills

I have 12+ years of experience as a successful Lakewood small business owner (Burning River Lacrosse). In this business I have to deal with thousands of young men and women and their parents on a daily basis. This experience has given me a wealth of knowledge in public relations, listening to concerns, addressing issues, researching solutions, and creative problem solving. This is in addition to my skills in marketing, contract negotiation and fiscal responsibility.

Financial Expertise

I have 10+ years of experience in the finance industry (National City, Midwest Research and ELMS Research) as a research analyst, department head, business creator and CEO. This experience has enabled me to build an extensive set of financial skills and expertise in financial planning, forecasting, and budget optimization. This is especially important as the sustainability of our finances is one of the top threats to the continued success of our schools. None of our current board members possess the necessary skills to address this issue.

