

Elias Erickson Bio

I am proud to have lived in Sitka for my entire life, and come from a family that has roots in Sitka four generations deep. I am the youngest of a family of seven individuals who have all been a part of the Sitka School District in some way. Homeschooled by my mother until 6th grade, my entrance into Sitka's public schools was delayed, but gave me a wonderfully different way to experience the differences in home and public education. In the 2016-17 school year, I was the student representative on the Sitka School Board and gained invaluable experience attending board meetings, legislative fly ins, and conferences with the Sitka School Board. As someone who has found deep connection and a sense of home in Sitka, I am honored and ready to serve Sitka in this capacity.

Elias Erickson Advocacy Statement

It has been said that public education is the greatest pathway to opportunity in America, and I think that statement has held true time and time again. The quality of a student's education in the beginning years of their life often dictates the quality and prosperity of the remainder of their lives. However, in a seemingly more and more economically unstable State, providing Sitka students with the best education possible has become more and more difficult. Adequately funding academic essentials while also keeping critical extracurriculars such as sports and clubs available to students is the challenge before us.

Although a difficult task, not an impossible one. As a school board member I want to work with teachers to make sure no students are being left to the wayside and that all are being served. I want to work with legislators and city officials to ensure education is being funded adequately. I also will work with other board members and school administrators to set goals for our district and have candid conversations on where improvements could be made. As the student representative to the school board last year, I gained valuable experience that will help inform decisions I make as a board member.

As a board member, focusing on student achievement will be of the utmost importance to me and through collaboration with the Sitka community and professionals from around the state, I want to help ensure our students are being served the best education possible.

