

Biographical Information

My name is Amanda Williams. I have lived in Sitka with my husband and children for the past three years. I am an Alaska certified teacher with a Masters Degree in teaching. I have taught in various communities around Southeast Alaska for over ten years, including Blatchley Middle School for the past three years. Currently, I teach at Mt. Edgecumbe High School. Having taught PreK-12 at various times in the past, I have a unique understanding of the internal operations of school districts, student learning process, extra-curricular activities, Alaska standards, and the dedication of school staff. Throughout my teaching tenureship I have developed creative solutions to complicated problems and collaborated with a variety of professionals to merge ideas culminating in a shared vision that benefits students. My goal as part of the school board is to advocate for policies that will enhance opportunities that are available to all Sitkan students.

Advocacy Statement

If elected as a school board member, I will work to assess the educational needs of the community and school. I will advocate for policies with long term impacts that will benefit student achievement and engagement. I would focus my intentions on supporting innovative approaches to education. I believe that students' learning is benefitted when students are empowered and engaged in the school environment. Having access to quality core and elective courses is important for students to express and develop their talents. As a board member, I will advocate for enhanced student programming and partnerships.

Additionally, as a board member, I would love to devote time to curriculum and standards review. Working with administration, to advocate for curricula that will engage and inspire students. As a board member, I will also advocate for teachers and paraprofessionals to have access to the resources that they need to provide efficient and reliable coursework. In addition to policies that benefit the learning environment, I believe students need plenty of physical activity to stimulate learning. I will advocate for policies and procedures that will give students access to safe and inspiring physical activities.

Looking towards the future, I believe reevaluating policies and procedures will enhance the Sitka School District's ever-changing environment while safeguarding important opportunities for students. With fresh creative ideas, effective communication, and collaboration I believe we can achieve increased proficiency. Overall, when faced with challenges, I will advocate for policy and prioritize options that are the best for Sitka STUDENTS.

