

LANSING CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD CANDIDATE SUMMARY – 2026

(Please return with your petition no later than 5:00pm, Monday, April 20th)

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EMPLOYER: Retired, Cornell University
CHILDREN (Names and Grades): Yarden, '24 & Yuval, Current Senior

STRENGTH(S) OF THE DISTRICT AS YOU SEE THEM: The strength(s) of the Lansing Central School District lie(s) within the larger Lansing community where so many dedicated teachers, administrators and staff care about our students and the legacy they all leave behind when they graduate to pursue their aspirations in family businesses, farming, college, trades, military service and the workforce. This legacy, handed down now for generations, includes a strong Bobcat spirit expressed through art, theater, music, sports, clubs and emerging new interest areas – all of which continue to receive notable acclaim in regional recognition, awards and championships. I am grateful my children have had such a profound public-school experience, and I hope they pursue the passions they discovered in Lansing and return to this district community to one day raise their own families.

DISTRICT ISSUES WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDRESSED: As proud as I am of this district, I am aware this is not the case for everyone and there are many issues to be addressed beginning with how we meet the needs of every student within the budget the community can afford. We are a small district with many voices and competing priorities. I would like those voices to feel heard and validated so that we may move through the forecasted economic hardships respectfully and together with our excellence in education, staffing and programs fully intact.

STRENGTH(S) YOU HAVE WHICH WOULD MAKE YOU A GOOD BOARD MEMBER: Prior to my retirement in June of 2021, I worked in student services for more than 30 years. My strengths are in the accumulated skills necessary to meet students not just where they are, but where they hope and dream. I've realized this through educational management and supervision, sound financial stewardship, and translating educational policy and law into best practice. I've served as an ex officio

member of committees and student governments which included training new members on Robert's Rules. Most importantly, I do not know everything there is to know about serving on the Board. I am open to learning what I do not know and am confident I will be able to adapt quickly with an ability to listen well, to distill complex variables, and to work toward consensus.

ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE VOTERS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU AND WHY YOU ARE RUNNING FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD: I am a native New Yorker who grew up in the Catskills and graduated from a regional district very similar to Lansing. My own public-school experience was punctuated by the energy crisis of the 1970s, and I lived through what we then called "austerity budgets." I don't want this for your children and our community. When my husband and I started our family, I was asked what surprised me most about becoming a parent. As a methodical planner, I did not have an answer to that question until my children started day care and then school. The biggest surprise for me about becoming a parent continues to be how much I love and care for my children's peers. I am naturally curious about their experiences and want the next generation of Lansing students to have it even better than my kids had it.