

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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CHILDREN (Names and Grades): Cameron (4th Grade) & Ellie (1st Grade)

STRENGTH(S) OF THE DISTRICT AS YOU SEE THEM:

Lansing is a community. It's a place people want to call home, and where generations of families have proudly raised their kids. The main reason for this is because of our people. Our teachers, admin, custodians, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, support staff, everyone! There are certainly hard days and hard times, but I believe our people endure and our people are our most common bond that helps build Lansing's culture.

DISTRICT ISSUES WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDRESSED:

I'm not exactly sure if this is the correct spot for this answer, but it's been on my mind as it relates to our community as a whole. I would like to see our community bridge whatever divide may exist. Town vs Village, Conservative vs Liberal, Us vs Them. We all have differences, some of which at times may seem insurmountable. But we also share many similarities, common goals, and I think we can all agree that we want what is best for our kids. We are all Lansing Bobcats! If elected, I intend to do everything I can to help us seek common ground with each other. This may not be easy, but I believe it will be worth it.

STRENGTH(S) YOU HAVE WHICH WOULD MAKE YOU A GOOD BOARD MEMBER:

In many ways, I don't feel as if I'm too different from anyone else. The lessons I've learned (honor your parents, respect your elders, love thy neighbor, work hard, help those in need, treat others as you would like to be treated) are likely the same ones we've all learned. One strength (that I admit can be a weakness at times) is that I'll listen intently. One of my mentors often tells me "God gave us 2 ears and 1 mouth for a reason, so be quick to listen and slow to speak". When dealing with opposing positions from my own, this understanding is critical in determining the correct course of action.

ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE VOTERS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU AND WHY YOU ARE RUNNING FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD:

Since moving to Lansing nearly 10 years ago, nearly everyone I've befriended in town has been the result of some type of school function or school-related event. I suspect this is true for many others as well. I understand how big of a role the district plays in our lives, and I take that very seriously. As I mentioned above, at times we have our differences, but I'm an optimist at heart and continually seek improvement. I believe that collectively, building on our common ground, we can achieve great things as a community and that we always have better days, months, and years ahead of us!