

Please provide a brief bio about yourself.

I am a dedicated mother of a high schooler, middle schooler and elementary student in HJT1 schools and HUHS. I have been in education for more than 15 years, having taught in communities in Florida and Wisconsin, including Beaver Dam and HJT1. I currently teach third grade and have a Master's Degree in Reading Education from Florida Gulf Coast University which is for grades K-12. I attended Calvin College/University for elementary education. In my spare time, I can be seen at my children's soccer games, walking and reading.

Why do you want to serve on the HJT1 Board of Education?

I would like to serve on the Board of Education because I have three children who are in the school district or have completed school in the HJT1 district. It is important that our children are represented by Board members who are invested in our public education system and have children who will attend or are currently attending our schools. It is imperative that we have educators on the school board so that our students' needs are met, which comes from their teachers' needs being met. We want to have board members who teachers feel comfortable sharing with so that their concerns are heard and addressed.

We also want educators because they can inform the Board regarding decisions for what our district really needs. Educators are on the frontlines working with our children every day. As a HJT1 employee for 2 years, from 2023-2025, and in public education most of my life, I have experience in what our educators are faced with each day, and experience with our students. I have been a part of district programs, training and staff meetings for years. I know what is going well in Hartford and what needs to change. I have experience and relationships working with teachers in all buildings as a parent, as a coworker, and as someone who has attended numerous district trainings and meetings. I want to see Hartford continue to improve education in our school district and for our families to see, and continue to see, Hartford as a great district to attend.