

2025 League of Women Voters Dayton Voters Guide Full Questionnaire

Biographical Information

I'm here to be a voice for families, a champion for equity, and a steward of educational excellence. I will lead with heart, listen with humility, and serve with integrity — always in collaboration with others — so that every family in Dayton can feel confident and proud of their DPS education.

Describe the role of a school board member as you see it.

School board members are the governance team for the district. We set policy, hire and evaluate the superintendent and treasurer, and ensure fiscal health and strategic direction. But beyond the boardroom, we must be responsive listeners and bridge-builders — connecting the district to the lived realities of our families. We are accountable not just for outcomes, but for trust. That means showing up in community spaces, being concise, and making decisions that reflect both data and dignity.

As a school board member, how will you address parents' concerns?

Parent concerns are central to building trust. As a board member, I will advocate for consistent, accessible communication channels — including multilingual outreach — so every family feels heard and respected. I will work alongside fellow board members to implement bi-annual parent surveys with clear metrics, ensuring that feedback is not only collected but also acted upon. We must create a culture where parents know their voices shape the future of our schools.

How should the school board address the fiscal challenges of rising costs and diminishing revenues?

With disciplined stewardship: prioritize the classroom, eliminate inefficiencies, and conduct regular audits. Support cost-saving initiatives like energy management and shared services. We must build public trust. Levies and tax measures succeed when residents understand where the dollars go and how they improve outcomes. I'll advocate for transparent reporting and community forums, and work with state leaders to push for a fairer funding formula that reflects the needs of urban districts.

What would you propose the Board do to attract and retain well-qualified teachers and staff?

From my background in Talent Acquisition, I know that attracting and retaining great educators and staff requires more than pay — it involves purpose. I'll support competitive compensation and benefits, as well as mentorship programs, professional development,

wellness initiatives, and recognition systems that honor the whole person. We must treat our team like the professionals they are — with respect, resources, and room to grow. A healthy school culture starts with a supported staff.

What do you think the school district should do to close the achievement and graduation gaps that are still present between different socioeconomic groups?

Achievement gaps reflect deeper inequities. To close them, we must meet students where they are — and walk with them toward success. That means investing in early childhood education, tutoring, summer learning, and after-school programs. We must also address basic needs: nutrition, healthcare, clothing, and mental health support. One's ZIP code should never determine opportunity. Every child deserves a champion, and every classroom must be equipped to lift them up.

What challenges are facing today's students in Dayton, and how can the school system address them?

Many students face hunger, unstable housing, limited access to healthcare, and inconsistent transportation. I'll champion stronger community partnerships to provide wraparound services equitably across the district. That means expanding language resources, offering meaningful cultural sensitivity training, build upon and establish partnerships that help transport our children to school, safely, and strengthen the curriculum so that it reflects the rich diversity of Dayton's families.

Describe the skills and experience you will bring to the school board.

As a Program Manager for the Department of Defense, I lead high-visibility programs with budgets up to \$4 billion. I collaborate with 20+ subject matter experts, brief senior leaders, and motivate cross-functional teams. This role demands clarity, discipline, and strategic thinking. I balance cost, schedule, and performance while navigating complex regulations. I will bring the same commitment to Dayton's students: sound governance, collaborative leadership, and a deep belief in what's possible.