



At the entrance of my college campus, it reads, "Enter to learn, go forth to serve." This resonates with me as it is what my parents taught me as a young girl. They taught me to learn in school and apply it to our community so that it benefits all.

I am Dorothy Denetsosie Gishie, I am born into the Rock Gap Clan, born for the Towering House Clan. My maternal grandfather's clan is the Bitter Water Clan and my paternal grandfathers' clans are the Yucca Fruit and Edgewater Clans. My roots stem from Preston Mesa on the Navajo Nation. I have lived in Flagstaff for 33 years and have worked for Native Americans for Community Action, Inc. for 30 years as a counselor, social worker and program manager.

I am an FUSD parent. My two daughters have graduated high school, and my son is a sophomore this year. My husband and I are active in assisting him in reaching his educational goals, we are his cheerleaders on the sideline of his extracurricular activities, and we support him in having a healthy school experience. I understand how all parents share the dreams for their children to have a positive school experience and a bright future. As a parent, I understand the frustration of poor communication when things don't go well with your child or the district. I'd like to see all students and families feel included and welcomed at their school.

I am running for the Flagstaff Unified School District Governing Board because I want all students to have access to the same resources and have an equal opportunity to succeed. I strongly believe that all children should have access to a quality education regardless of background, the school they attend or the neighborhood they live in.

We need to foster a well-rounded, safe, culturally appropriate, welcoming environment for our students to prepare them for a changing economy and workforce. Not every student will choose the same path, so they need to feel supported in the interests and talents they have and the career they choose. In order to do that, we need dedicated and talented educators who feel supported by the district and have access to professional development so that they can educate and engage students.

I am committed to this community and I dedicate my time to making it better so others may benefit. Together we can create strong leadership within our schools, strong partnerships with our families and the community.

I need your help in being a part of this strong team and I would be grateful for your vote!

Volunteer Experience and Board Membership:

Indigenous Circle of Flagstaff, Arizona American Indian Tourism Association, Indigenous Community Enterprise, NACA Management Team, Alumni Association of Brigham Young University. Past Membership: Chairperson for the Coconino County Intertribal Council, Graduate of the Flagstaff Leadership Program, Child Fatality Review Team, Family Lifeline/Parents Anonymous Advisory Board; Arizona Supreme Court/Navajo Nation Foster Care Review Board Member, Facilitator: Child Abuse Prevention Arizona, Family Lifeline/Parents Anonymous.