

Kristine Pavlik – Flagstaff Unified School District Governing Board

I am a longtime Flagstaff resident, engaged community member and dedicated public servant. I have devoted my adulthood to making our community a better place, whether it be through civic engagement, foster parenting, my “day job”, volunteer work, or political activism, I am proud of my reputation as a someone who works for change and the wellbeing of everyone in our community. I am a passionate advocate for public education, robust social services and child and family welfare. As a mom of students in the Flagstaff Unified School District, I have a vested interest in ensuring that FUSD schools offer an exemplary educational experience that allows all learners to reach their full potential.

Public education is the base upon which we build our democracy, and it is more important than ever that FUSD governing board members believe in the right of every child to a fully funded, well supported, inclusive and accessible education. As a governing board member, I will listen, learn, and make decisions that consider the needs of all students while respecting educators and prioritizing our student’s rights to a safe and inclusive learning environment. I strongly believe in our student’s right to an accurate and truthful education that will prepare them to be members of our democracy and for future success. I embrace, recognize, and celebrate diversity, and understand that educational equity relies on considering the unique histories, cultures and needs of everyone in our school community: students, parents, staff, leadership, and community stakeholders.

I have extensive experience working in public and nonprofit administration and the responsible management of public tax dollars and federal, state, and local grant funds with budgets well over \$2 million dollars annually. I understand the complexities of government finance and the great importance of fiscal oversight, one of the key responsibilities of the school district governing board.

As a foster and adoptive parent, I also have an in depth understanding of the importance of trauma informed, culturally responsive classrooms and educators. I will work to ensure that our educators and school support staff have the tools they need to meet students where they are and walk with them through their schooling journey. We need our schools to be a safe and inclusive and for our students to be welcomed and understood, which means providing school staff with training in mental health and creating policies that uphold restorative practices and continue the work to create learning environments that prioritize equity in the classroom and beyond.

As an FUSD alumna, CHS graduate (go Panthers!), and parent of students in the district I, and my children, have been fortunate to have had many positive educational experiences thanks to FUSD and the amazing educators, leadership and staff that devote themselves wholeheartedly to our students. I am running because I want to see that legacy continue and touch the lives of every child in our community. Our focus must be on investing in our public schools and the future of democracy.