



**Jarrett Dement**

I may not be a native of Eau Claire, but for the past 15 years, I've proudly called the Chippewa Valley my home. I come from a military family, and after attending 13 different schools while following my father across the country, we landed in Wisconsin, and I graduated from Stanley-Boyd High School. I've since put roots down here, and there's no other city on Earth that has quite the hold on my heart as Eau Claire does.

Before diving into education, I spent six years serving in the Army Reserves. I was stationed with the 397th Engineer Battalion where I provided training and maintenance for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) defense equipment as a company Level CBRN Non-Commissioned Officer.

During my military service, I took up different jobs within the Chippewa Valley. The two that shaped me the most were serving as a correctional officer for the WI Department of Corrections, and my work as personal care worker in an adult family home. My varied job experience pushed me towards education where I felt I could continue to serve my community. I attended UW-Eau Claire, graduating with a degree in English Education, and I've spent the last three years teaching at Lincoln Jr/Sr High school.

After seeing so much of the country and witnessing so many different walks of life, I'm convinced that education is everything. It is nearly as fundamental to a child's success as food and water. In this district, so many children need us, as a community, to step up. We need to provide them with the tools to succeed, highly qualified educators to teach them, and the compassion and empathy of their community. I am so proud to have seen that in this community, and I am honored to have been trusted to help guide the ECASD as we continue on that path.