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I moved to Eau Claire in 2013 to work in the English department at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire where I teach and study American literature. When my oldest child started kindergarten during the pandemic, I was inspired by the extraordinary ways that ECASD teachers adapted to meet the needs of our students. As a public college professor suddenly teaching in new modalities and as a parent who witnessed hybrid kindergarten, I wanted to shout from the rooftops in thanks and praise of our teachers. I wanted to get more involved to advocate for our students and for the teachers and other staff who support their development in the K-12 years. So, I ran for School Board.

I believe in public schools as a critical foundation of democracy and opportunity. I grew up in a house where we talked about education around the dinner table. My dad was the first person in his family to attend college as a result of having a great public education and some amazing teachers who took a special interest in him. His high school chemistry teacher helped him apply for scholarships and even co-signed a student loan. My dad later became a school district Superintendent who focused on making sure every student had the opportunity to succeed, no matter their family background. My mother taught students at every level between 6th grade and college over a 40-year career. I know from my family experience how transformational a single teacher can be in a student's life. I know as an educator that every single student in the Eau Claire area needs an excellent education, and an excellent education is an inclusive education.