

South Kitsap School District No. 402 – Director District 2 – 4-year term



Megan Higgins

Biography: Megan graduated from Ephrata High School in Ephrata, WA and was a recipient of the Washington Scholars Scholarship. She then attended and graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Science. Her work experience includes working for Seattle Children's Research Department, and tutoring math classes at Marcus Whitman Middle

School. Megan is married and has three young children who attend elementary school and preschool in Port Orchard.

Statement: I am an avid supporter of public education. I believe every child has the right to a great education in a safe and supported environment. Teachers should be supported in their jobs. I believe administrators play a vital role in ensuring consistency and accountability so that teachers and students can thrive in our school system.

I believe in this community. I have talked with community members and they want to see their kids and their grandkids succeed. We need to do better for our kids and upgrade our schools and replace those that are beyond repair. There hasn't been a new building in the district in over 30 years.

To accomplish this we need a school board that is capable of reasonable discussion, and creative thinking. My education and training has made me a calm, critical, and creative thinker.

I will bring a perspective that is not currently on the school board — that of a parent of young children. I am deeply invested in supporting our children and grandchildren, neighbors and friends. I believe as we support one another, we will find the best solutions to keep our kids and community thriving.

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Jaime Cross

Professional Experience: I have owned Cross Masonry for a total of 23 years which has provided me with experience in budget management, communication, teamwork and managing day to day operational needs.

Education: I've lived in South Kitsap, where I was born and raised, for 55 years. I graduated from SK Highschool and completed the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Apprenticeship Program.

Community Service: As owner of Cross Masonry, I have the privilege of sponsoring local little league teams. For 3 years I've had regular attendance at the SKSD Board Meetings, joined the SKSD Bond Steering Committee, and was a member of SK Informed Parents of Washington.

Statement: I'm a 55-year resident of Port Orchard and devoted father of six. Three of my children are South Kitsap School District (SKSD) graduates, and three are currently enrolled. As a parent, I am concerned about the many challenges that students, teachers, and parents in SKSD are facing. I have lost faith in our system as teachers have been asked to wear too many hats, and students are suffering in their educational needs. Budget problems, curriculum changes, conflicting ideals, excessive government overreach, lack of transparency, staffing shortages, disregard for parental rights, and a failure to meet the educational needs of all students are just a few of the challenges I have seen.

I'm not afraid to take a stand on tough issues. For three years I have been talking to concerned parents, attending School Board meetings regularly, and volunteering on the Bond Steering Committee in an effort to address those challenges. I believe we must do better for our children and their future, as their future is the future of our community.

I will bring balance to the board to ensure sure all voices are heard, and all children's educational needs are being met!

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