

My name is Jami Burton and I ask for your vote on April 7th to serve Wellsville schools as a member of the School Board.

I graduated from Pittsburg State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. I have a Master's Degree from Baker University. I have worked for a Telecommunications company for 20 years. During this time I have seen the industry constantly change with companies downsizing, merging and restructuring. The theme continues to be doing more with less. In my current role I am responsible for managing multi-million dollar strategic supplier relationships, focusing on collaboration and execution to drive results to remain relevant with these suppliers. I am also the United Way Employee Campaign Manager responsible for the company's annual fundraising campaign, and serve on the company's Wellness Committee.

Outside of work, I am currently on the Wellsville Middle/High School Site Council. I also serve on the CASE (Community after School Enrichment) for Kids Program Board of Directors. CASE is an afterschool program in Wellsville for children K-5th grade. In my free time I enjoy watching my children participate in various sports, being outdoors, and reading a good book.

The main reason I am running for school board is I strongly believe in the importance of a quality education that prepares our children for their future whether they are college or career bound. I have two children attending Wellsville Middle School, my daughter Grace is in 8th grade and my son Jackson is in 6th grade; therefore I have a vested interest in seeing our school district strive for excellence in education while offering a variety of electives to balance their school experience. My husband Pat and I push our children to work hard and do the best they can in all they do. We need to have the same expectations of our school district.

Communication is critical to the success of any organization. The school board must connect with the parents, teachers, staff, city leadership, and the community to gather input and address issues in a timely matter. The community needs to be involved in the conversations that occur regarding the school, programs, and the facilities since ultimately they will be impacted by the decisions of the school board. With continual budgets constraints and the challenges the district faces as outlined in the school's profile information; we need to partner together to come up with creative solutions to help minimize the impact to our children's education, and improve our facilities infrastructure. I will champion the efforts to work with our city leadership to promote positive growth for the community without placing a huge tax burden on the school district. As a school board member you are a trustee of the community that elects you. For this reason, I will be open minded, responsive, receptive and willing to collaborate with the community.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the Wellsville School Board. Please vote for Jami Burton on April 7th.