



PLATTSBURGH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote on Tuesday, May 20, 2025

INTRODUCING OUR NINE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

Gary Lambert

As a father with two children, one still in Plattsburgh City Schools and one recent graduate, I've seen firsthand why serving on the Board of Education matters so deeply. I've cheered at countless school events, helped with homework, and watched our schools shape young lives. You'll find me volunteering in our community, keeping me connected to what matters to our families. I've experienced the teamwork that makes our community a better place, moments that inform my leadership. For over 30 years, I've worked in public education as a teacher witnessing those "lightbulb moments" in students' eyes and now as an administrator understanding the complex challenges educators face. This experience gives me a unique perspective in board discussions. As your current Board Vice President, I'm proud of our progress but know there's more to do. I want teachers to have everything they need to inspire our kids because I've stood in their shoes and understand what it takes to make a difference in students' lives. I believe every child deserves an exceptional education that opens doors to their future. That's why I'm running to ensure our schools continue to serve your children with excellence. I'd be honored to have your vote on May 20th.

Jessica Perry

I've been a proud member of our district community for 13 years, with three children currently enrolled in our schools. For 12 of those years, I've served as Co-President of the PTO, building strong family-school partnerships, supporting our teachers, and advocating for students. For the past three years, I've had the honor of serving on the Board of Education, focusing on transparency, equity, and student- and teacher-centered decision-making. I've worked to strengthen communication, elevate student achievement, and engage meaningfully with families and staff. Beyond the district, I serve as Treasurer of the Plattsburgh Lady Hornet Booster Club, work as an administrator at a pediatric health center, and sit on the Parent Advisory Committee for the Adirondack Foundation's Birth to Three Program, supporting early childhood development across the region. I'm running for re-election to continue offering experienced, collaborative, and compassionate leadership that puts students first, empowers educators, and helps all our schools thrive.

Brigitte Phillips

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the Plattsburgh City School District Board of Education. Having lived in Plattsburgh for nearly 30 years and as a proud parent of two graduates from our district, I am deeply committed to the success of our schools and the well-being of our students. With 29 years of experience in education, currently as a school psychologist with BOCES and as a union officer, I have gained valuable insights into the diverse needs of students and the challenges faced by educators. My experience provides me with a comprehensive understanding of education issues at local, state, and national levels, which is crucial for making informed decisions that benefit our students. I believe in the principles of collaboration, accountability, honesty, and responsible decision-making. These values will guide my approach as I address the needs of students, educators, parents, and the broader community. Serving on the school board is both an honor and a responsibility that requires thoughtful leadership, compassion, and objectivity in navigating the complex challenges our schools face. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the continued success of our schools and to working together for the benefit of all students.

Dr. Kylie Goodell King

I'm a PHS graduate, a parent of two current Hornets, and the daughter of retired North Country educators. I'm deeply rooted in this community and committed to supporting its continued growth. I earned an undergraduate degree in Industrial Engineering, an MA in Educational Leadership and Policy, and a Ph.D. in Measurement, Statistics, and Evaluation. I now work at SUNY Plattsburgh, where I teach, conduct research, and oversee institutional data.

Access to quality education is one of society's most valuable resources and a foundation for individual opportunity and community well-being. I'm committed to data-informed decision making and believe schools thrive when self-direction and accountability among students and educators are balanced thoughtfully.

As a School Board member, I will collaborate transparently with teachers, administrators, parents, and community members to advance the district's strengths and bridge schools and community. I'm a proponent of project-based learning shaped by student interest and teacher expertise, along with the intentional use of educational technology. We must center critical thinking and problem-solving, valuing teacher insight over passing technology trends.

Through years of volunteering and engagement, I've seen the promise of our district. I bring a can-do approach to policy and building a strong future for all students.

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<p><u>Alison “Ali” Rosenbaum</u></p> <p>“I’m running for the Plattsburgh City School District Board of Education to help strengthen and support our school community—for students, families, educators, and our greater community. I’m deeply passionate about advocating for students and families. With 17 years of experience in both nonprofit and public education settings, I bring a unique perspective as a former mental health counselor and current school counselor, working every day to meet the diverse needs of all learners. My background includes a variety of roles at two nonprofit mental health organizations, and recently I was honored to be accepted into the second cohort of the New York State Master Counselor Program.</p> <p>Giving to others has always been at the heart of what I do. I’ve volunteered on the board of ALS Raising Hope, and I’m an active member of Vinspire, a group of women dedicated to offering free, educational events that uplift and inform our community.</p> <p>As a parent of two students in the district, I am personally invested in the success of our schools. I would be honored to bring my experience, compassion, and collaborative mindset to the Board to help make PCSD stronger for everyone.”</p>	<p><u>Sandra Ghelman</u></p> <p>I am a mom of 3 PCSD students and have been involved within the schools as a parent representative on a district leadership committee for 2 years; the District Wide Educational Improvement Committee, as well as being part of the Family School Association for 6 years. My experience as an Occupational Therapist within classrooms and the community has provided me with another perspective that will enhance my ability to serve as your elected BOE representative.</p> <p>I am aware of many of the needs and goals within our district. This includes educators who require support and advocacy in their efforts to teach our students, the need to increase the family-school connection, and continuing to promote social emotional learning for our children in order to support healthy development and academic success. We must also maintain up-to-date district policies that best support our students and our district goals.</p> <p>I am very motivated to support the achievement of our district’s goals through collaboration with all stakeholders including teachers, parents, students, and administrators. In order to achieve this I will encourage the transparent sharing of information so all interested parties can be fully informed and involved in the decisions being made within their school district.</p>	<p><u>Clayton “Clay” Morris</u></p> <p>Reasons why you should vote for Clay Morris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Married 52 years 2 Daughters • 20 years of experience on the school board • Past President of PCSD Board • 50 years owning a successful local business • 20 years Plattsburgh Housing Board • 6 years Mountain Lake PBS Board • 6 years Clinton County Youth Bureau Board • Boy Scouts Council • 10 years coaching at PCSD • Coaching and volunteering now at SMS • My wife was a teacher for 38 years • Both daughters are teachers, 23 & 16 years • PHS graduate <p>Reasons why I am running</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A passion for education • Strong commitment to PCSD • Looking for more after school programming • Keep free meals program • Strong fund balance • Fix tier 6 to help recruit teachers • Establish a more robust communication platform with the union • I am a board member for all children <p>I am asking for your vote on May 20th because I believe I am the right person for the position. I will be open-minded and thoughtful in all decisions. I will always have the Plattsburgh City School district and its students’ interest in mind while on the board.</p> <p><u>Thank you for your vote.</u> <u>Clay Morris</u></p>	<p><u>Elizabeth Goerlitz-Corver</u></p> <p>Elizabeth Goerlitz-Corver is a proud graduate of the Plattsburgh City School District and the mother of two boys, one currently enrolled in the district and one a Plattsburgh High School graduate now studying at the University at Buffalo. Raised by a father who taught in the district and a mother who served as a school administrator and Board of Education member, Elizabeth grew up understanding the transformative power of public education. Before co-founding Corver Staffing with her husband, David Corver, Elizabeth taught Spanish, mentored students, and coached sports at Eaglebrook School in Massachusetts and Idyllwild Arts Academy in California. At Corver Staffing, she leads a team of recruiters connecting individuals with meaningful employment and launched the RAMP program, linking students to local jobs and mentorship. She also serves as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees at Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital and on committees with the UVM Health Network, where she leads strategic planning and community partnerships. Elizabeth is running for the Board of Education to support students, teachers, families, and the community. She brings leadership, collaboration, and a commitment to opportunity, transparency, and thoughtful decision-making. She believes in fostering strong schools through shared community effort and partnership.</p>
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<p><u>Jason Howard</u></p> <p>I am a pharmacist who has lived in the city for 17 years. My 3 children, 13-, 11- and 9-years old attend Plattsburgh. My wife is a teacher with 16 years of experience, 9 years at Plattsburgh. I have worked at Condo Pharmacy for 3 years. Prior to that I was the pharmacy manager at Walgreens in Plattsburgh for 10 years. I am running because I want to help contribute to the decision making of the school district and to make sure all students receive an excellent education. At the same time, I understand we are using taxpayers hard earned dollars and we need to respect that in budget decisions. I am a levelheaded person and don't jump to conclusions. I like to take time to look at things from different points of view and listen to others' opinions before I form my own. As a pharmacist I spend a lot of my time listening to patients, accessing their needs and helping them come up with the best options to solve their problems. I think these skill sets would translate well to a school board position. Thank you for your support.</p>				
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