



Board of Education Member Profile

Jennifer Benson

Name: Jennifer Benson

Board Member since: 2014

Family/Children: Husband - Mitch; Children - three daughters

Occupation: Area Business Specialist for Janssen

1. Tell us a little bit about yourself and your background.

I am a product of Fargo Public Schools. I graduated from Fargo North High and earned my bachelor's degree from MSUM in Communications. I have been working in the Healthcare Industry for 19 years; I served on the Fargo Public Schools Community Long Range Facilities Task Force in 2013; I am an active PTA member and the former President of the Kennedy Neighborhood Association.

2. What was the reason you ran for a Board position?

I have been honored to serve on the Fargo School Board for the last four years. My board experience paired with my business acumen, strong collaboration skills and ability to work within tight budgets, allows me to bring a valuable perspective to the Board.

3. What do you see as big challenges for the District going forward? Challenges for K–12 education in North Dakota?

A few of the biggest challenges for the District going forward will be; sustainable funding, teacher morale, safety in the classrooms and equitable learning environments. Challenges for K-12 education across the state will be keeping pace with the rapid growth in North Dakota and providing every student with the resources necessary to prepare them for both higher education institutions and future employers.

4. Something you're proud of as a representative of the Fargo Public Schools:

Fargo Public Schools has an excellent reputation for the high quality of education offered to students.

