



- **How long have you lived in Hudsonville?**
I grew up in the Jenison and Hudsonville area and moved back to Hudsonville 5 years ago.
- **What experiences do you have with local governance?**
At this point, I have a limited amount of experience with local government. I have attended board meetings and have been paying attention to the issues that are facing our current board. This will be my first position actively working with local government through the school board.
- **What do you see as the primary work of the board of education?**
The primary work of the board of education is to strive for the highest quality of education possible within Hudsonville Public Schools while ensuring that all students, teachers and administrators have a safe learning/teaching environment.
- **Why are you running for the Board of Education? If elected, what will be your priorities?**
I have three children currently attending Hudsonville Public Schools. I, along with others in this community, take pride in HPS and want to ensure that we continue to strive for and maintain a safe place for all students to learn. I am running for a seat on the board because I believe that I can be a voice for all students and families within the HPS district. My first priority will be to maintain an environment where all students receive a high quality of education and feel safe throughout their educational journey at HPS. A second priority is to ensure that the educational materials at HPS remain up to date and free of bias. A third priority is to ensure that our teachers and administrators feel supported as they work with our children. This includes a focus on mental health and well being of our students, teachers and administrators.
- **What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a board member?**
I have an educational background that includes business management/administration from Cornerstone University and a BSN in Nursing and DNP as a Nurse Practitioner from Grand Valley State University. I currently teach at GVSU and work as a Nurse Practitioner at the VA working with our veterans. I have spent the last decade serving in health care and education. I bring knowledge and passion for serving others to the HPS community. I know how to educate and prepare students for success. I know I can promote health and well-being among large populations. These are a few of the skills that I would bring with me to serve on the board working to ensure optimal educational experiences for the students at HPS.
- **In what school district or community activities/organizations have you been involved?**
I have been active with the Hudsonville robotics program this past year, coaching my son's team, and going all the way to the World Championship to represent HPS. I will continue working with the program this year mentoring highschool teams. Additionally, I have attended a number of our HPS school board meetings.