

HAROLD WINGERT - BIO

USD 290

I am Harold Wingert, running for re-election to the USD 290 School Board. I believe in bringing a commonsense approach to the Board and have enjoyed my 8 years on the Board.

I am married and have three great kids, one still attending and two who have graduated from Ottawa schools like me. Being a lifetime resident of Franklin County is a true blessing, raising cattle and owning a small business has allowed me to get to know what makes this a great place to live. I have served on site councils, currently serve on the Neighborhood Revitalization committee, and presently I serve as Board President. I am a member of Grace Community Fellowship, previously served on the COF Training Services Board, Former Chamber Board Member and currently a member of the Chamber.

I sincerely appreciate being able to serve on the Board of Education of USD 290, and I would appreciate your support again.

MALYDIA PAYNE - BIO

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My name is Malydia Payne, and I am running for a seat on the USD 290 Board of Education (BOE) to be a positive voice and a listening ear for families, students, and community members. I manage our family business, 6P Land & Livestock. I am currently finishing my first term on the USD 290 BOE. I am on the Negotiations Committee and the OMS Site Council. I am dedicated to community service through the 4-H Frontier District, OHS Booster Club, FRCO Rural Water District #5 Director Board, several Veterans groups, my church and other organizations within our community. But my favorite job, and what keeps me the busiest, is taking care of our four daughters (from a 3rd grader at Lincoln to a Junior at OHS) and seeing that everything runs smoothly while my husband is busy serving our community and country. As a family, we believe in Service Before Self and Excellence in Everything and I have worked hard to apply those principles to my role in serving the people of USD 290 the last four years.

I believe in common sense solutions to community concerns. I have been working to increase communication between the school district, our community, and families, and I hope to continue working to improve this even more. I fully believe knowledge is power. The more informed families are, the more knowledgeable families feel to be a powerful influence in their children's education.

I support teaching children HOW to think, not WHAT to think. I believe social issues should be left up to the family to influence. Education should support pride in our country, the normal development of childhood innocence and parental involvement.

One of the current issues our teachers and students face is behavior management. I want to help our school and community partner together to create solutions while increasing student resiliency.

I support enhancing our students' opportunities in skilled trades, military opportunities and other options for kids who are unsure about college. I want to normalize young adults not going into large debt for postsecondary education when they are unsure of their future plans. At the same time, I promote academically rigorous curriculums to ensure students are prepared for their next level of learning.

JULIE DANDREO – BIO

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My name is Julie Dandreo and I have served on the USD 290 school board for the past 6 years. During my tenure, I completed 3 years as president, 1 year as vice president, served on various committees and attended multiple related seminars and conferences. I've lived in Ottawa for over 25 years. Two of my children graduated from OHS and one is currently a senior at OHS. I received a BA from KU and Masters degree from KU Medical Center and am a speech pathologist for 29 years, with the last 16 years serving our community at our local hospital and outpatient clinic. My goal as a board member is to support decisions which are good for ALL kids, our teachers and our community. I am out of state for a few days and unable to attend the forum, however should you have specific questions for me please email at dandreo@usd290.org and place "candidate question" in the subject line. I look forward to continuing to serve our community.

DIEDRE ALTIC – BIO

USD 290

Hello, I am Diedre Altic. I have lived in Ottawa for about 50 years. I went to Ottawa Junior High, graduated from Ottawa High School, and then earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Emporia State University. I taught in USD 290 for 37 years, starting at Eisenhower Elementary School for 26 years. I also taught at Lincoln, Eugene Field, and Sunflower. I earned my Master of Library Science degree from Emporia State and was an elementary librarian for one year. I held several leadership positions in the schools and the district. I was a member of the building leadership team, on many curriculum teams, chairperson of the Students At Risk committee, and involved in the district redesign team.

I retired in 2021 to spend time with my grandchildren and help with day care. I am also active in my church, help plan the Franklin County Literature Festival, volunteer at the Old Depot Museum, and am an adjunct teacher at Ottawa University.

My husband, Kevin, is an Ottawa High graduate, as well as my two children. I have two granddaughters currently attending Ottawa schools.

Growing up I was active in Girl Scouts, 4-H, and many clubs through the schools. I think part of being a good citizen is serving our community. I am passionate about public education. I feel education is vital to success in our world. We serve a wide variety of students with varying degrees of accomplishments and challenges. Our teachers, paraprofessionals, and staff are essential to the success of our district. They face many issues every day and deserve our support and appreciation. Our district needs to continue to strive to retain teachers and staff through competitive pay and suitable work environments.

DAVID HARVEY – BIO

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David Harvey

Christian Conservative candidate for School Board USD 290

Personal

Ottawa citizen for 17 years

Married for 19 years with 6 children

I have lead and participated in children's ministry programs for 10 yrs

I currently attend Ottawa Bible Church

Professional

Worked for Surveys Inc for 24 years and manage the Ottawa Surveys Inc office.

Civil Engineering Tech degree from K-State

I read the Bible daily and seek God's direction in all I do

I will vote no on any new taxes

I will vote for policies and curriculum that support parental rights

I will listen to parents, teachers and administration

I want the kids in Ottawa to have the best start in life. This can be achieved through knowing Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, through an excellent education and through the teaching of good solid morals and work ethics.

The legacy of this community is not the buildings we build, but the children we raise