



LANSING CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATE SUMMARY – 2023

(Please return with your petition no later than 5:00pm, Monday, April 17th)

NAME: Matthew J Bogumil

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EDUCATION: Cornell University '06, BS Applied Economics & Management

EMPLOYER: Advantage Sport & Fitness, Inc. (16 Years)

CHILDREN (Names and Grades): 2 Girls: Cameron Bogumil (1st Grade) & Ellie Bogumil (3 yo, soon-to-be-Bobcat)

STRENGTH(S) OF THE DISTRICT AS YOU SEE THEM:

I travel all over Upstate New York and regularly interact with different school districts. Something that stands out to me about our district is that Lansing is a community where people know each other and handshakes still matter. It's a place that people want to call home, and where people are proud to raise their families. A big reason for this is because of our people. Our teachers, custodians, bus drivers, support staff, etc, mostly everyone I've personally interacted with in the district is in this for the right reasons.

DISTRICT ISSUES WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDRESSED:

As a continuation of the question above, there is always room for improvement. This year as I gathered board petition signatures, I made it a point to reach out to complete strangers. In my discussions it became clear that communication from the schools needs improvement, which is an easy fix. Some issues, like the topic of retaliation I spoke about at a recent board meeting, require more work in order to restore that trust. This is hard work, which I'm willing to do because it's worth it! Personally, I feel that we (community members) can all do a better job of being involved.

STRENGTH(S) YOU HAVE WHICH WOULD MAKE YOU A GOOD BOARD MEMBER:

My family is relatively new to the district. In that regard, I have no predispositions or allegiances to any people or groups. I am not running for school board to add a line on my resume, nor do I seek any personal recognition. My primary reason for running is to do my part to make sure our children graduate in the best possible position to succeed as they go out into the world. There are many small steps I try to follow that I believe can help yield big results for our board and district: Love thy neighbor, respect and honor should be shown to everyone, and hard work pays off. Lastly, I do not fear leaning into difficult topics or situations, having objective debate, and hearing opposing arguments in order to get to the correct solution.

ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE VOTERS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU AND WHY YOU ARE RUNNING FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD:

I have a very traditional view of what K-12 education entails (I am a lifelong Upstate New Yorker). Children are in school to get an education first, but also have access to the arts, sports, music, social groups, etc. No student should be left behind or hungry, and student successes/achievements should be celebrated. Our district size is a strength: when one Bobcat succeeds, all Bobcats should share in that success. I also don't believe that children should be subjected to any single person's political or social agenda. With today's pressure and the pitfalls of social media, being a kid nowadays is much more stressful than it was when we were young. But we can't forget that kids are kids, and we need to let them enjoy their adolescence as they grow into young adults.