



LANSING CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD CANDIDATE SUMMARY – 2023

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

NAME: Kari Waters

ADDRESS: 12 Lake Shore Rd.

EDUCATION: Master of Social Science, MSSc
Syracuse University, 2015

PhD Candidate in political science, expected Spring 2024
Syracuse University

EMPLOYER: Syracuse University

CHILDREN (Names and Grades): Bailey (11th), Avery (9th), Elyse (5th)

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

Lansing Central School District has exceptional teachers; I have seen teachers go above and beyond to support their students on many occasions. In addition, Lansing provides students with many opportunities to learn, grow, and explore their talents and interests, both in and out of the classroom. I have lived in, and have experienced schooling in four states, and even more school districts. Lansing has, by far, the most access to enriching activities like music, theater, sports, and volunteering.

DISTRICT ISSUES WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDRESSED:

I will advocate for continued financial responsibility, with the appropriate use of school funds. In addition, as our society becomes more polarized, I believe we need to cultivate an attitude of respect and compassion for differing viewpoints, making sure that all are welcome at the table, and in our schools. Practices around diversity, equality and inclusion can also be improved; all students should be able to succeed and feel safe at school. It is also very important that our schools focus on developing critical thinking, starting in elementary school.

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

I am curious and consider myself a life-long learner. I believe in really listening to others, being open to, and respecting other points of view. I am well organized, and a hard worker.