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I am a class of 1992 Lansing graduate. I attended TC3 from 1992-1995 earning an Associates in Criminal Justice. I graduated from Brockport in 1997 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. I was a Monroe County Deputy from 1998 to 1999 until I transferred to Dryden Police Department. In 2002 I transferred again to Tompkins County Sheriff's Office where I continued to serve until I retired in 2020. I now am a Cornell University Police Officer. I have served on the Lansing School Board since 2016.

Lansing School District has several strengths and there are two that I will speak of. The first is the district offers a variety of activities for students to participate in, which include a large variety of sports and performing arts programs. Second, the Lansing Recreation Department, the Lansing Highway Department, and the Lansing School have a good working relationship that helps with planning events and projects which helps the community receive the most from their tax dollars.

I feel one of the district's bigger issues is the direction New York State is taking schools. New York continues to take the focus away from better preparing graduates for adulthood, by lowering standards for behavior in schools as well as how assessments are graded. New York also is pushing for 100% EV student transportation. I feel that is the wrong direction for New York to head to have successful graduates. It is important to continue planning around the direction New York wants to have school districts head. The best way to do that is to be part of the curriculum and policy planning.

My strengths that would contribute to a board member position are my past and present roles within the community and district. First, I am a long-term resident of Lansing. My roots extend from my grandmother, who graduated from Lansing in 1925 and later taught first grade at Lansing for 40 years. My mother, I, and two brothers graduated from Lansing as well. My mother was a teacher for 35 years instilling a strong respect for education. My daughter, Erin, graduated in 2023, and my son Ryan is currently in 10th grade. These connections to the school make me want to promote what is best for both the school and the community. Second, I chose to be a Tompkins County Deputy and Cornell Officer to protect and serve the community that raised me and work for departments that a community building. As an officer, I make tough decisions often under pressure always keeping the public's best interest in mind. I have served on the Lansing School Board for several years and am familiar with the procedure.

As a resident, I am also aware of how higher taxes can impact the average working family. My hope as a board member is that we can find the right balance to continue to have a high-ranking school district while still allowing average-income families to afford to live in the community. I would be honored to be reelected to the school board, and to continue to serve the community and district in which I was raised and where I choose to live and raise a family.