

Tanya Morret **for** South Middleton School Board

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My name is Tanya Morret and I am running as a Write-In candidate for one of three open slots in the May 18th Democratic Primary for the South Middleton School Board. I respectfully ask for your consideration and support in this endeavor.

My husband and I have raised two children through SMSD and have a vested interest in seeing the District continue to thrive and be the best it can be. While this is not the first time I have expressed interest in being a member of the School Board, I do so now with a heightened sense of urgency.

Currently, there is a full slate of Republican candidates running for four open seats on the Board, but only one candidate has cross-filed on the Democratic ballot. Without a full slate of contested races, I fear the ideological balance of the current Board will shift dramatically and result in a Board driven by personal and political agendas, threatening the District's ability to safely reopen and provide for the quality education of all our students.

As life-long educator and current Training and Consultation Supervisor at Lincoln Intermediate Unit, I have worked with hundreds of schools across Pennsylvania to make them more successful and improve educational opportunities for students. If allowed to succeed, I fear the opposing candidates' platform will hinder many students' access to a high quality education, restrict schools that promote belonging and connectedness, and threaten our efforts to promote safe and secure school environments. The impact of their efforts will create outcomes that favor one student group over another. We need to represent and serve all students and allow them to play a part in the decisions that are made.

My candidacy is guided by three goals:

1. Offer South Middleton voters options and choice in who will represent them;
2. Help our District strategically navigate the impact of the pandemic and get students, teachers and staff back to safe, in-person learning;
3. Bring my lifetime of educational training and classroom experience to the table while also being a thoughtful and constructive watchdog of the taxpayers' money.

Ultimately, I will strive to make decisions that promote the mission of the school district: to provide a challenging education in a safe, supportive environment that empowers all students to become lifelong learners and productive, respectful citizens of our diverse and changing world. Those decisions will have a financial impact on our community. For example, South Middleton is slated to receive \$1,554,245 in ESSER funding as part of the American Rescue Plan. Twenty percent of this must be spent on "learning loss" over the course of the next three years. With this considerable influx of money, I would like to be able to offer my educational insight and perspective when those spending plans come to the board.

I hope I have succeeded in sharing a little about my background and why I am running to be a member of the South Middleton Board of Directors. My children are my inspiration and my love of our shared community is what calls me to serve. I thank you for your consideration.



To support Tanya Morret as a **write-in candidate** in the **May 18th Primary**, check the "write-in" candidate box under the **School Director** section of your ballot and write/type her name as "Tanya Morret." Be sure to spell it exactly as it appears above.