

My name is Jason Goodson. My wife, Andrea, and I moved out to Wentzville over a decade ago and have lived in St. Charles County our entire lives. A big reason for the move to Wentzville was the quality of our school district. We have twin girls who are 6th graders at Wabash Elementary and have thoroughly enjoyed the teachers, principal and staff.

I am a CPA licensed in Missouri and have a Masters of Accountancy and Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Missouri – Columbia. I have spent 16+ years in various finance roles and most recently act as Chief of Staff to our CEO at Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals, supporting various strategic initiatives and working directly with our executive leadership team and Board of Directors. Throughout my life I have had great mentors who have supported my growth personally and professionally and I am ready to give back to our community and support our future generations.

I believe my finance and business experience gained throughout my career are great attributes that can provide valuable insights and outcomes for our district. The Wentzville district has a great foundation to build upon and can continue to be something that everyone in the community is proud of. I am passionate about supporting our students in the district, which will allow each and every one of them to be successful in whatever path they take in life. Every decision made should have our students in mind and our expectations of board members should be to ensure this is clear on a routine basis.

I have some very clear goals I would look to accomplish as a board member and can be summarized as follows:

- **Fiscal Responsibility** – Our district has a lot of growing ahead and in order to stay competitive and support our teachers, build any necessary facilities, and keep current with educational expectations, we must be mindful of the money we spend and where the best place to do that is. This is accomplished by the following:
 - Financial decisions keeping long-term goals and return on investment in mind
 - Financial reports with clear understanding and commentary that drives better decision making
 - Forward financial planning that considers future growth, tax and legislative assumptions
- **Transparency and Authentic Leadership** – My promise to you is to always be in our schools, walking the halls and understanding how decisions impact our classrooms. We need to bring clarity to the decisions being made and ensure the district vision and success is always in mind.
- **Investment in our greatest assets, Teachers and Faculty** – With a goal to create a district we can be proud of, we must invest in our greatest assets. How we think about strategic decisions and financial spend, needs to give significant consideration to Teachers and Faculty. If our investments are not in these areas, are they a top priority and something we should be spending on?
 - My promise is to ensure we can retain and recruit key talent in our district, which ultimately will drive better outcomes for our students

- **Strategic Planning and Prioritization** - What is the vision we want? What is the strategy and steps to achieve that vision? How do we measure success? What has changed during the period that would cause for a shift in strategy? These are the questions we should constantly be asking and rooting our core decisions into on a daily basis.
 - My promise to you is always tie back decisions to long-term strategy
 - Drive reporting and agendas that ensure past performance and learnings are applied in our thinking going forward
- **Collaboration with the Community** – We all have a vested interest in the success of our district and of our children. Let's use the collective group and their vast experiences to ensure we make the best decisions possible.
 - I would propose using the policies established by the BOE to drive roundtable discussions with community leaders, small business owners, parents, etc to ensure we are maximizing the value of the community
 - I will always make myself available to questions and feedback and you can ensure that those things would make their way into agendas and questions for each meeting

Please make your plans now to vote on April 6th. Let your voices be heard and take that to the polls.

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