

Hi! I am **David Biesenthal** and I am running for the Wentzville Board of Education this April. I have been a district resident for the past 18 years, have two wonderful children that attend Prairie View Elementary and am a teacher of almost 20 years. I understand the struggles our educators face today as I have taught all levels from Kindergarten thru 12th Grade.

Raised on a farm outside of Springfield (IL), my family instilled in me a strong work ethic. I was also blessed to learn the importance of education from numerous relatives who are current or retired teachers.

My love of sports sent me to Southeast Missouri State University where I earned my bachelor's degree in Sport Management with a minor in Business Administration. I moved to St. Charles County upon graduation, working in the sport and retail industries. After realizing my true passion lies in education, I transitioned into teaching, starting out as the Physical Education teacher and Athletic Director at Immanuel Lutheran in Wentzville. I furthered my personal educational journey by earning my Masters in Teaching from Lindenwood University which allowed me to continue my teaching career with the Fort Zumwalt School District, where I have been a Business teacher for the last 15 years.

When I began teaching in the FZSD, my courses included a variety of business courses, from Personal Finance to Entrepreneurship along with two classes in computers (Keyboarding & Microsoft Office). As technology has evolved, I have received additional training from Cisco and Project Lead the Way so our district can offer industry-recognized courses in Cybersecurity, computer programming, computer maintenance and networking. My students graduate high school with skills which make them highly sought after whether they are entering the workforce or furthering their educational journey.

I pride myself on guiding my students by equipping them with the skills to solve the challenges they face. As a member of our Board of Education, I will bring that same mindset as we work together to find real solutions to the problems facing our district. Not only will I be an advocate for my own children, I will be an advocate for all children just like I am everyday in my classroom. Our community is only as strong as our public school district, & I want our district & community to be their best. I would appreciate your support and vote on April 2nd in helping me continue to move our district forward. To volunteer, donate, connect or learn more, please visit my website: www.dbiesenthal4wsd.com.