

Sophia Williams

My husband (Brent) and I have lived in SM for approximately 11 years. I've been married for 15 years and have two children, Riley and Ellie, age 9 and 7. Both children attend Lakeview Elementary. As soon as my son started school I became active in the PTO, chairing events, organizing fundraisers, managing the PTO budget and managed the PTO website for a short time. I participated in the district Vision and Planning and I've been a Girl Scout leader for 3 years.

My background

I graduated from Carroll College in 1996 with a Bachelor Science, majoring in Environmental Science and a minor in Chemistry. Upon graduation I worked as a Research Chemist for 5 years in the private sector working on research and development of military coatings. I moved on to an Environmental Engineering firm where I worked for 5 years as a project manager, then operations manager. I shifted to MATC part-time working in Assessments, while I spent time at home with my children. I moved into a full time position 2 years ago as a Supervisor in Recruitment and Workskills Coordinator. In all my positions, including my current, I've had the opportunity to develop and manage budgets as large as \$1,000,000.

School Board

Like most parents I fell in love with our school and our teachers. That seems to be a common theme in SM, no matter the school.

After several years participating in PTO and attending our school board meetings I became more aware of the underlying issues our schools are facing with regards to funding.

I believe that academics, arts and sports all play a role in producing the high level of educational standards that our children require and deserve and indeed their parents and citizens should demand. We need to strive to maintain and build a complete educational package for the students of South Milwaukee.

It's also imperative to maintain a financial balance so that we can keep our quality teachers and attract the brightest educational talent possible without overburdening the tax payers of South Milwaukee.

I believe quality public schools are essential to healthy communities and I believe parents and teachers working together can provide just that.