

Donna Durr Arancio

Biography

I am Donna Durr Arancio and am interested in being elected to the Clinton School Board. My husband and I have lived in Clinton for 17 years, we have 4 children, 3 of whom have graduated from CCS and one who will be a rising senior. I am a Living Environment teacher for special education students at Proctor High School. I am seeking a position on the board as a teacher, community member and a parent whose children have benefitted from the education they have received at CCS.

What do you think the most pressing issue to the district is in 2018-2019?

At this time in all districts the most pressing issue is to educate the students in a safe, secure manner that challenges them and gives each child the ability to grow and develop. This statement holds true for Clinton by allowing the students to grow academically, socially and developmentally through the many facets of our school programs. As a community we need to be ever aware of the changing technology that impacts our students learning and continue to keep our school programming up to date with the college and career readiness requirements for all our students.

Why do you want to be on the board?

As a long-time community member, it has always been my goal to give to the school community when the time was right. With one child at home I am able to fulfill the commitment that I see are needed to be a school Board member. As a parent whose children have reaped the benefits of a quality education I feel as though it is my time to give back. As a teacher who is immersed in the education process on a day to day basis, I am excited to explore, learn and contribute from another arena.

Where do you think Clinton can improve?

One of the greatest issues with education is that it is a continuous work in progress. The greatest asset and challenge is that teachers, administration and the board are charged with educating people. People with different backgrounds, learning styles and learning goals. Improvement in educating all children means to be constantly changing and adjusting to this ever-fluid movement of needs, styles and goals placed on the school by the education community and more importantly the student.

Where do you see the role of the school board in maintaining the quality level of CCS education?

The school board, as I see it, is to support the school community as a whole. We come from a community that is deeply invested in the school and willing to put forth the effort to allow its continued success. The school community has hired qualified capable educators and administrators. The board greatest job is to continue providing avenues for the experts to continue to do the jobs they were hired for and the board is the vehicle that oversees the school continued success.

What do you feel you will bring to the BOE table if elected?

As a board member I would bring a great deal of experience as a community member, parent and educator. I believe that I have a great deal of pragmatic experience as a parent and teacher. I come with the knowledge and understanding of the day to day workings of a school and students. I have been exposed to and have knowledge of the policies, procedures and laws that govern all school communities.