

Leigh Ann McLaughlin - Bio

Dear Mrs. Dabney,

Please accept my nomination for the open seat of parent representative for SBDM Council at Veterans Park Elementary.

My name is Leigh Ann McLaughlin and I am the mother of a current VPE third grader. Grayson has been a student at VPE since kindergarten and we both enjoy being a part of the VPE family.

I am interested in running for the SBDM parent representative seat that will open January 1, 2021. I have a long history of SBDM experience serving as a member of different councils and multiple SBDM committees over the years. I am passionate about continuous school improvement, student growth, and how to best serve our students, families, and staff members to impact student achievement.

Grayson is my only child and I have a personal stake in his school, his experiences, and his academic success. Being a parent representative on SBDM council affords me the opportunity to take my SBDM experiences, look at them through a parental lens, and collaborate with the council to ensure student growth and continued excellence at Veterans Park Elementary. My goal, if elected, would be to serve as a voice for VPE families and advocate for the safest and best learning environment we can provide.

Even though short term, it would be a pleasure to represent VPE families for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. School passions aside, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, traveling, and SEC sports. I've been a part of Lexington for nearly 30 years and earned undergraduate, graduate, and post graduate degrees in Lexington. Thank you for your consideration as you fill this important council vacancy.

Respectfully,

Leigh Ann McLaughlin

Mark A. Stringer- Bio

My wife Mandie and I are proud parents to 3 boys and have a first grader here at VPE. I am the Former HOA President of the Pinnacle HOA, Former Chairman of the Board of the Financial Institution Securities Association of Central KY and former 4th District representative to the LFUCG Parks Advisory Board appointed by Council Member Susan Lamb & then Mayor Jim Gray.

I am a Member of Southland Christian Church. As an engaged member of the community and one that is all about Kids I am running for the SBDM to help make our School, our teachers, administrators, parents and most importantly every child at our Veterans Park Elementary School has every means, and tool they need to succeed.

Last year I was president of the dad's club and thoroughly enjoyed meeting a lot of the VPE family. I also enjoyed the time I got to volunteer in my son's classroom as it gave me a front row seat and allowed me to experience firsthand what teachers, administrators, and students may need to make their learning environment even better. I think it is critical we engage as many of our parents and teachers and solicit their input so we make sure we keep VPE one of the best elementary schools in the state of Kentucky.

Our family is excited for the future of VPE and we are grateful to be part of the VPE family. We are dedicated to the success of our school as we all strive for excellence as we learn and grow together.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Stringer