

ELISA M. KLETTER

Candidate for Georgetown Community School Board of Directors

Dear GCS Stakeholders,

Knowing the vital role GCS plays in our community, and having lived in Georgetown for 14 years with two children currently in our school, I submit myself as a candidate for the board of directors.

As a parent (especially in the age of COVID), I see first-hand just how critical a role GCS plays in the well-being of our children. As such, I am involved in many aspects of the school and have committed to doing all I can to make GCS the best school experience it can be for our kids—and the community at large.

I have lived in Georgetown since 2007, and my first child (Merrell) started Kindergarten at GCS in 2014 and is now a sixth-grader in his final year here! My daughter (Aspen) is a first-grader, and she started preschool at GCS when she was just 2½ in 2016. As you can see, I have now experienced what it's like to be the parent of a student in every single grade this school has! (Not that this alone qualifies me for a board seat, but thought it was a pretty cool club to be in!)

Considering our success over the past three years, I recall where we came from and how fulfilling it has been to work with many dedicated and talented parents to make great progress. I commit to continually striving for excellence in all we do, including getting the “community” back into the school as we recover from COVID impacts.

I firmly believe that the “community” part of our name and mission is a key feature that makes us so special. We're teaching kids that they are a part of something greater than themselves – and that everyone around them has something valuable to contribute to their education. Learning does not simply come from a textbook – it's found in the world around you, and the moments we experience together. Regaining this “community” component of GCS will be one of my top priorities.

In recent years, I have been actively engaged in a wide variety of school committees, most notably serving as the chair of our first BOD Election Committee in 2018; as well as serving on the School Leader Interview Committee in 2019, the PTO Executive Committee from 2019 to present, the Election Committee again in 2020, and currently as chair of the School Accountability Committee (member since 2019). I always strive to play a meaningful role in bringing positive improvements to our board, staff, and school culture.

Throughout my career, customer relations has been a key focus and one of my strongest attributes. I am a good researcher; I am fair and consistent; and I'm friendly and approachable. My diplomatic abilities will aid in my success as a board member. I will use all my talents to work with fellow board members and the school community for the betterment of GCS.

Thank you for your consideration!

-Elisa