

**SHAWNEE MISSION U.S. SCHOOL DISTRICT #512, CANDIDATE PROFILE**

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**Campaign Chair(s):** I am running unopposed for my position this year so I do not have a campaign chairman or treasurer.

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**Committee Name and Mailing Address:** ---

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**Campaign E-Mail:** debzila@smsd.org

**Occupation/Work History (last five years – 15 words):**

I worked at a medical practice in medical records starting in 2001 and retired from that position in 2012.

**Most Recent Political/Community Experience (25 words):**

I have served on the Shawnee Mission Board of Education since 2008. In the eight years that I have been on the board, I have served in leadership for five of those years. Prior to that I was elected to the SMSD South Advisory Board, served on the Kansas State PTA board, Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA positions, and local PTA units in various positions for 18 years including 5 years as president.

**Are you, or have you been, affiliated with a local or state chamber of commerce? If yes, chamber(s):**

I currently serve as a representative for the Shawnee Mission School District on the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee.

**Are you, or have you been, affiliated with any other business organization(s)? If yes, organization(s):**

I am a member of the Kansas Association of School Board Legislative Committee.

**As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues (6 words per line)**

1. The most important issue for me is always doing what is in the best interest of our students. That is the bottom line consideration in all school issues and policies and what keeps the focus on students and their opportunities, achievement and success.

2. In order to serve students in the best possible way, local control is vitally important for school districts. Local control has been a key position in our SMSD Legislative Platform for many years.

3. Stable and sustainable funding for education is crucial for school districts to be able to implement programs effectively and for budget planning.

**I am seeking public office because (25 words):**

I want every child in Shawnee Mission to receive an excellent education and upon graduating to have the skills to effectively compete in the job market or succeed in higher education. My children had a great Shawnee Mission educational experience and I want to work to ensure that all of our current and future students have that opportunity. Our students deserve the best possible district and building leaders, teachers, tools and learning environments in place to ensure their success. I believe we have set the course for an incredibly exciting future for students in SMSD and I want to be a part of helping that vision become reality.