

School Board Directors

Thurston County is divided into nine separate school districts, each governed by a five-member board. The board's responsibilities include: budget, policy development, classroom instruction, planning, and communications.

School board directors delegate authority for day-to-day functions to professional staff, however they may never delegate ultimate responsibility.

Board members are elected in a nonpartisan general election by voters within that school district. They receive no salary. A board may approve a per diem compensation for its members for attending board meetings.

In most districts candidates must reside in the sub-district for which they are seeking office. All candidates are elected by the voters of the entire school district.

Griffin School District No. 324, Position No. 5



Nonpartisan

John Pearce

A proud product of public K-12 education, John Pearce moved to Olympia in 1998. In 2000, he bought a house on Shellridge Road and, later that year joined the Griffin Fire Department where he is a Firefighter and Training Instructor.

John is a strong advocate for good schools and high-quality education for all children. Using the knowledge and experience gained in over 17 years of self-employment, including nine years as a professional instructor and writer—John constantly develops creative solutions and approaches to student learning. He looks forward to working with other School Board members and officials toward the continuous improvement of Griffin Schools.

As John says, “Public education for all children is the key to strong, healthy families, and crucial for ensuring the future of our community, our state, and our nation.”



Nonpartisan

Teresa Scott

With two sons attending Griffin, I am inspired to seek an active roll in shaping the future of Griffin School District. I am currently secretary for the Griffin PTO; participate on the Griffin Special Education Advisory Committee; help organize our annual Science Fair; and have supported students, parents, and teachers at Griffin by helping bring the controversial staff development pilot to fruition. These experiences have taught me much about the dedication and creativity of our staff, the vision of our administration and directors, the talents of our students and the strength and diversity of our families and community. I am dedicated to using resources efficiently and to maintaining and increasing accountability, creative problem solving, and citizen participation in decision making. I look forward to representing Griffin community as we continue to equip our students with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in a future we can't even imagine. TeresaLScott@earthlink.net



Nonpartisan

Arthur M. Dalessandro

My name is Arthur M. Dalessandro; I am 42 years old and employed as the Director of Workers' Compensation Services at Washington Employers Association. My wife and I chose to make our home on the Steamboat Island peninsula almost 13 years ago, not only for its beauty and life style but for the “Griffin School District”. Griffin ranked high in test scores and low in student to teacher ratios. Our daughter and son have both enjoyed learning and look forward to going to school everyday. Beyond supporting school fundraisers, chaperoning dances and being a Cub Scout leader I feel I owe it to the community to ensure the ongoing success of the school district. I believe in utilizing technology but I also believe in the fundamentals. I believe in supporting teachers, but I also believe in accountability. I will represent your voice on the board. Thank you for your support.