

Julia London: Why I am Running for the Board of Education



Let me first tell you a few reasons that have not contributed to my decision to run: 1) A seat on Ridgefield's Board of Education is not a steppingstone in my political career. I have no political ambitions beyond Ridgefield's BOE; 2) I do not need a "hobby" or to fill my time with anything extra. I already have a full plate as a practicing attorney and a mother of two busy kids; and 3) I have absolutely no agenda other than to stop any agenda that could threaten our children's chances for success.

What does number 3 look like? It means a return to the fundamentals of good education. It means avoiding the distraction of identity politics, gender ideology, and divisive racial rhetoric, all of which have occupied an inordinate amount of time in our public schools. It means never allowing the disruption and learning loss of COVID to happen again. It means introducing practical, real-world skills to kids who are ready for it. It means encouraging a strong partnership between parents and teachers, because the greatest predictor of a child's success is parental involvement. It means every cent allocated for the school budget goes to the benefit Ridgefield kids.

Why am I the person to ensure we get the above done? Because I have "skin in the game" in the form of two boys currently enrolled in Ridgefield's public schools. Because my husband and I moved here for the schools, and we have every intention of seeing our boys graduate from nowhere other than Ridgefield High School. Because I have a record of standing up to my adversaries and will fight for your kids just as I always have for my own.

Thank you for your consideration on Nov. 7.

-Julia London