

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR DRY CREEK JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT</b></p> <p><b>Name: MARY "TRACY" PITTMAN</b></p> <p><b>Occupation: Dry Creek Governing Board Member/Office Manager</b></p> <p><b>Education and Qualifications:</b></p> <p>I am honored to serve as a Board Member of the Dry Creek School District. If re-elected, my goals are to preserve the financial stability of the district, continue working to provide safe facilities and nurturing environments for students and staff, and to support academic and enrichment programs that are responsive to the needs of our students and the times in which we live.</p> <p>As an active school board member, I have served as Board President and on numerous district committees, have worked with constituents, spoken at county and statewide conferences, and lobbied legislators on issues important to our district. I was instrumental in bringing electronic board meetings to our district, which reduced district expenses, and increased public access to information regarding district programs.</p> <p>My degree in Business Finance and my work experience, in business and as a school board member, make me uniquely qualified to address the challenges we will face in the coming years.</p> <p>I originally ran for the Dry Creek School Board because I wanted our community to have a great school district. Today, I continue to believe that our students deserve the best. If elected, I will continue working collaboratively with stakeholders toward that goal.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR DRY CREEK JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT</b></p> <p><b>Name: JEAN H PAGNONE</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Age: 52</b></span></p> <p><b>Occupation:</b></p> <p><b>Education and Qualifications:</b></p> <p>We want our kids to be kids and to enjoy the innocence of their youth, but we also want to see them mature into intelligent, thoughtful citizens prepared for the future. That's why I'm running for the Dry Creek School Board. As a mom and a member of the Dry Creek community for 17+ years, I understand the importance of a child's well-being, mental health, safety, and a solid educational foundation. They are the keys to success, a healthy society, and a strong community. I also understand the importance of a school board that listens to parents and functions with transparency. It is my desire to see the parents in our community represented and supported. At the same time, we need a board that not only partners with parents, but one that works alongside teachers and allows for innovation in the classroom as we work together in serving all children in our community.</p> <p>I would love your vote as we work together in seeing educational outcomes improve and our children thrive here in the Dry Creek School District.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR DRY CREEK JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT</b></p> <p><b>Name: BILL SCHUETZ</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Age: 50</b></span></p> <p><b>Occupation: Education Attorney, Incumbent</b></p> <p><b>Education and Qualifications:</b></p> <p>My family and I have been a part of the Dry Creek community since 2008, when our oldest of three children began kindergarten. It has been my honor and privilege to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District since 2016 as Board President, member, and currently Board Clerk.</p> <p>For over 22 years I have dedicated my professional career to supporting public education as an education attorney working with school districts. The perspective, experience, and knowledge I have developed as an education attorney over these years enables me to uniquely contribute to the District's leadership team for the benefit of the students and families we serve.</p> <p>I also currently serve on multiple education committees supporting public education in Placer County, and the Board of the California Council of School Attorneys, a nonprofit organization affiliated with the California School Boards Association, providing support to school boards and education attorneys throughout the state.</p> <p>I respectfully ask for your vote so that I can continue my service as Trustee to the students, families, and staff of the Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District in support of its continued achievement of Excellence in Education Since 1876. Thank you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR DRY CREEK JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT</b></p> <p><b>Name: DIANE C. HOWE</b></p> <p><b>Occupation: President, Board of Trustees</b></p> <p><b>Education and Qualifications:</b></p> <p>I have been a resident of the Dry Creek School District for 45 years and involved in the schools while operating my own business. I have been on the Board of Trustees for 37 years and am seeking my tenth term. Prior to being on the Board I was a PTA and Site Council Officer. As the District has grown from one school to the current 9, I have worked to improve the educational opportunities for all students. My fellow Board members and I have aggressively sought and received building funds to provide safe, state of the art classrooms for the students and will continue, to pursue funding. I strongly believe in community involvement in education. I encourage community participation, classroom volunteers, communication to the Board and I make myself available to anyone wishing to discuss issues or concerns. I want each student to have the opportunity to achieve and it is my expectation that the schools provide this opportunity for learning. I will work diligently to see that your children are given the educational options they deserve. I sincerely hope to be able to continue to serve this community as a member of the school board for the next four years.</p>

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR**

**DRY CREEK JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Name: JON FENSKE**

**Occupation: Civil Engineer/Father**

**Education and Qualifications:**

I am a Dry Creek Elementary School District parent of school aged kids. I have become more acutely aware of their education these past few years, and have been heartbroken seeing our children struggle. I want to be an advocate for all of our families. In 2020-2021, 56% of Dry Creek students failed to meet state standards for Math; 43% failed to meet state standards for English. There has not been a substantial change in these numbers in the previous 7 years. (<https://www.caschooldashboard.org>).

I want to bring greater engagement, communication, transparency, and a fresh perspective to our School Board. I believe that strengthening the parent partnership in education leads to greatly improved outcomes. I am excited to invest my time and energy in all of our schools, meeting students, parents, teachers and staff. I look forward to hearing all about the changing needs of our schools, and working to meet them head-on. This includes school safety, food quality and nutrition, curriculum transparency, and parent empowerment. Our children deserve no less than our best. I would be honored to have your vote. Please reach out to me with any questions at [jon@fenske4drycreek.com](mailto:jon@fenske4drycreek.com).

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR**

**DRY CREEK JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Name: JASON WALKER**

**Age: 41**

**Occupation: Dry Creek District Parent, College Academic Counselor**

**Education and Qualifications:**

As a father, parenting school children through the pandemic was a daunting task. Personally, and professionally, I saw children and families become victims of poor decision-making and harmful policies. Nobody wants to see this happen again.

It became clear that we need fresh, strong, and compassionate leadership that advocates for students first. Leadership that can empathize with the challenges that parents and educators face. Leadership that is transparent and will listen to the voices of teachers and parents alike. I will be that leader.

I hold a B.A. with a concentration in education and multiple public-safety related certifications. I have over 20 years of public service, including roles dedicated specifically to children and students.

As a law enforcement officer, I prioritized campus safety and maintaining positive community relations. I gladly accepted assignments to after school and mentoring programs. If elected, I will collaborate closely with law enforcement and fire to ensure our children's safety.

As a college counselor, I guide students to personal and academic success. I will work to ensure our students are well prepared for high school and beyond.

Successful schools are vital for a healthy community.