

Meet the NY Mills Public School Board Candidates

Five candidates are vying for the three open seats on the New York Mills Public School Board, with only one being an incumbent. In an effort to help voters get to know all the prospective school board candidates, we reached out via email to each candidate with several questions for information posters. Election Day is Tuesday, November 8.

Derek Geiser



Why are you running for the Board of Education? If elected, what will be your priorities? I have been a lifelong resident of district 553 and have had a great deal of respect for the school, the students, the teachers, and administration. I feel like it is now my turn to contribute to the future success of the district. My priorities include: keeping the district in New York Mills, I don't want to see the school combined with another district. Add both students and more options for classes to the district.

Is there a particular issue that motivates you to serve on the board of education? Need to provide students with more ca-

reer focused options. I would like to see the district offer some trade specific options that would prepare them for local jobs directly out of high school. Student participation in extracurricular activities. (Important for small schools to have a higher percentage of participation) I would like to promote these activities and motivate staff and students to get involved.

What do you see as the major issue(s) facing the NYM School District? Public education? Retaining a high quality staff and to provide the students with what they need to succeed all while remaining fiscally responsible. It is a competitive job market in the private sector which also affects the districts ability to hire quality staff. Public education and the NYM school district specifically need to find ways to promote what our district has to offer to both staff and students.

What should your school district do to better prepare students as citizens? The one thing I see that could better prepare

students as citizens is accountability. Students that are held accountable, but at the same time are given responsibility, will be better prepared as citizens.

In what school district or community activities/organizations have you been involved? During my time as a student I was a member of the NHS. I was also in football, wrestling, baseball, and FFA. I have helped coach various youth sports when my kids were younger. I was also involved in 4H and still help with out when I can.

What is your vision for education in this community? I want to continue to build a sense of pride for both the district and community. Keeping class sizes small and being able to provide more career focused options for our students. A kind of cheesy motto I like to use when thinking about New York Mills but really hits home for me is, "One town, One team, One dream"