

South Middleton Area 2021 Democratic Municipal Candidates

- South Middleton Township

School Board Director	Tanya Morret
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South Middleton 1	Vacant	Vacant
South Middleton 2	Vacant	Carol Elkington
South Middleton 3	Rhonda Seigle	Mary L Brunski
South Middleton 4	Jennifer Schaefer	Vonny Eckman
South Middleton 5	Vacant	Vacant
South Middleton 6	Vacant	Vacant
South Middleton 7	Vacant	Vacant
South Middleton 8	Vacant	Coralita Wilson
South Middleton 9	Vacant	Vacant

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South Middleton School Board Director Candidates



Sandra Hutton

I'm running as a candidate for South Middleton School Director for one simple reason, to ensure our district continues to provide the best education possible so all students have an opportunity to succeed.

As the mother of an SMSD graduate and grandmother to a current elementary student, I care deeply about the quality of education our students receive and want to do more to support the teachers, staff, and parents who make it possible.

As a single mom, I instilled in my kids the belief that a good education was key to their success. We found that in South Middleton. My son, for example,

received an education here that allowed him to go on to college and have a successful career in the culinary arts. Now, I want to make sure my granddaughter, and all our students, have the same opportunity to succeed by offering the best educational experience we can.

I also want voters to have meaningful choices when they consider new school directors, not just partisan candidates running to promote personal political agendas. As a local small business owner, I pride myself on getting things done through creative problem solving, being held accountable to my customers, and making ends meet by living within my means. My husband is retired, which adds another perspective to my candidacy since we are closer to being taxpayers living on a fixed income. I intend to bring all of these perspectives with me to the School Board while working to find common ground and offer common-sense solutions.

If elected, my priorities will be:

- Return students and teachers to safe, in-person learning;
- Ensure SMSD continues to be the best and provides quality education for all students;
- Make decisions based on what's best for students, teachers, and parents—not political parties;
- Give parents and taxpayers an advocate and voice on the School Board;
- Ensure SMSD remains on sound financial footing and make smart financial decisions that are accountable to students and taxpayers.

There is already too much division and political discourse in our society—we don't need more of it on the School Board. I'm running to give back to the community and school district that gave my family the opportunity to succeed. I would appreciate your consideration and vote for School Director in the November 2nd election.



Tanya Morret

Parent | Educator | Taxpayer

My name is Tanya Morret and I am running as a Write-In candidate for one of three open slots in the May 18th Democratic Primary for the South Middleton School Board. I respectfully ask for your consideration and support in this endeavor.

My husband and I have raised two children through SMSD and have a vested interest in seeing the District continue to thrive and be the best it can be. While this is not the first time I have expressed interest in being a member of the School Board, I do so now with a heightened sense of urgency.

Currently, there is a full slate of Republican candidates running for four open seats on the Board, but only one candidate has cross-filed on the Democratic ballot. Without a full slate of contested races, I fear the ideological balance of the current Board will shift dramatically and result in a Board driven by personal and political agendas, threatening the District's ability to safely reopen and provide quality education for all our students.

As a life-long educator and current Training and Consultation Supervisor at Lincoln Intermediate Unit, I have worked with hundreds of schools across Pennsylvania to make them more successful and improve educational opportunities for students. If allowed to succeed, I fear the opposing candidates' platform will hinder many students' access to high-quality education, restrict schools that promote belonging and connectedness, and threaten our efforts to promote safe and secure school environments. The impact of their efforts will create outcomes that favor one student group over another. We need to represent and serve all students and allow them to play a part in the decisions that are made.

My candidacy is guided by three goals:

1. Offer South Middleton voters options and choice in who will represent them;
2. Help our District strategically navigate the impact of the pandemic and get students, teachers, and staff back to safe, in-person learning;
3. Bring my lifetime of educational training and classroom experience to the table while also being a thoughtful and constructive watchdog of the taxpayers' money.

Ultimately, I will strive to make decisions that promote the mission of the school district: to provide a challenging education in a safe, supportive environment that empowers all students to become lifelong learners and productive, respectful citizens of our diverse and changing world. Those decisions will have a financial impact on our community. For example, South Middleton is slated to receive \$1,554,245 in ESSER funding as part of the American Rescue Plan. Twenty percent of this must be spent on "learning loss" over the course of the next three years. With this considerable influx of money, I would like to be able to offer my educational insight and perspective when those spending plans come to the board.

I hope I have succeeded in sharing a little about my background and why I am running to be a member of the South Middleton Board of Directors. My children are my inspiration and my love of our shared community is what calls me to serve. I thank you for your consideration.