

Hello GCISD Friends -

We are former Grapevine-Colleyville (GCISD) teachers living near you, writing to ask you to be informed and engaged in the current school board election! We have no agenda other than wanting the best leadership for the students and staff that we were part of here in GCISD.

We hope you will join us in supporting School Board Trustee incumbent Shannon Braun for Place 1 and Mike Alfred for Place 2. We firmly believe that they are the best candidates to lead our school district through the very difficult financial times that all public schools are now facing, largely due to the failure of our elected officials at the state level to provide adequate funding for education in Texas.

Shannon is dedicated to fighting for public education and has a lifelong investment in this community. She was raised in Colleyville and is a 1989 graduate of Grapevine High School along with her husband and high school sweetheart, Bob Braun. Shannon and Bob raised their own children here in our community, in our schools. She has served on the Board of Trustees for three years and currently is the Board President. She led in awarding the highest teacher pay raises we've ever seen and voted to lower our taxes more than ever before! She has guided the board in reallocating funds so that we can use tax dollars efficiently where it impacts students most by helping teachers in the classroom. Her leadership has a strong record, and we want to keep her exactly where she is—in Place 1 on our GCISD Board of Trustees.

Mike is a dedicated father, experienced trial attorney, and has called this community home for almost a decade. Beyond the courtroom, Mike commits his time to various Grapevine and Colleyville youth organizations (Mustang-Panther football and Colleyville Little League), fostering strong bonds and positively impacting the lives of our children through his involvement. He owns his own firm and specializes in construction law, having won numerous professional awards and recognitions. His business ownership experience, along with his exceptional legal expertise, will make him an invaluable asset to our board. GCISD spends thousands of dollars on legal fees annually and constantly has facilities projects underway funded by our bond dollars. Mike's knowledge and experience will help us be wise and most efficient with those projects.

Shannon and Mike's opponents are both newcomers to our community, having only lived here a few years each. Shannon and Mike have the experience, the frame of reference, the commitment to our legacy, and the appreciation for all that has made GCISD great for many decades to lead us forward in a positive way.

Public schools are going through difficult times across our state and nation, and we need people who can make hard decisions in hard times. Shannon has proven that she is focused and will stand firm for our community. Mike, as a trial attorney, can absolutely take the heat. These people will fight for us, for our schools, and for our kids. **We believe that we need Shannon Braun and Mike Alfred to be our fighters in these coming years!**

We are proud retired GCISD teachers and current long-time residents who want the best leadership for our schools. Please cast your vote for Shannon and Mike!

Marilyn Weber

AP American History Teacher
GHS – 20 years

KayLynn Renfro

Teacher and Fillie Director
GHS – 34 years

Catherine Henry

Teacher, Administrator, and Coach
GHS – 37 years

DeAnn Seifried

Teacher
Colleyville Elementary

Kee Dizzine

Spanish Teacher
GMS – 20 years
Letters Paid For by Kee!

Heath Bullard

Teacher and Coach
GHS – 30 years
State Champs Boys Soccer

Mike Sneed

Teacher and Coach
GHS 17-years
State Champs '96, '98

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See back for voting dates/locations and more information about Shannon's record as a district Trustee.

EARLY VOTING	LOCATIONS
April 22-26 8am-5pm April 27 7am-7pm April 28 10am-4pm April 29-30 7am-7pm	Grapevine Library <i>1201 Municipal Way</i> Colleyville Recreation Center, Annex A <i>5008 Roberts Road</i> Eules Family Life Senior Center <i>300 W. Midway Drive</i> Brookside Center <i>1244 Brookside Dr., Hurst</i>
ELECTION DAY	
May 4 7am-7pm	

Shannon's Record as a GCISD Trustee

Improved District's Niche Ranking: GCISD has improved in every category

- Ranked #2 "Best School" in DFW
- Ranked #4 "Best School Districts in Texas" (up from #9 in 2022 out of 1,052)
- Ranked #17 "Best Places to Teach in Texas" (up from #25 in 2022)
- Ranked #22 "Best Teachers" (up from #34 in 2022 out of 1,061)
- Ranked #85 "Best School Districts in America" (out of 10,932)

Saved Money: financial efficiency, lower tax rate, tax reform, new auditors

- Lowered the tax rate three years in a row (over and above state required compression), with the largest reduction since 2007
- Found \$30 million dollars in abandoned accounts & used it to pay down debt
- Implemented tax reform policy to prevent future overtaxing
- Hired new auditor for the first time since 2009 for fresh eyes on the district's financials

Increased Academic Standards & Rigor: highest AP test scores in 10 years, huge academic improvements for dual language students, fewer dyslexia diagnoses/intervention letters for 1st graders

- Earned the highest number of **4s and 5s on AP tests** for more than 10 years—this earns students college credit for students and saves parents money
- Improved **Dual language** program, resulting in significant proficiency increases in both math and reading for these students—all children are getting the support they need
- Decreased **dyslexia** intervention letters by 37% for first graders—we're making better readers

Supported Teachers: higher pay, wellness day, better resources, more resources

- Approved largest **teacher pay increase** (4%) in GCISD history
- Added a **wellness day** for all full-time district employees (amended district policy)
- Purchased **new phonics-based reading curriculum** in English & Spanish (K-5)
- Purchased new science curriculum (K-12)
- Upgraded math resources (6-12)
- Added 4,000+ new curriculum documents by August of 2022—teachers have more resources

Protected Kids: more school resource officers, girls' safety, parent involvement

- Put a school resource officer on every campus
- Protected girls' sports and locker rooms
- Created parent "opt-in" choice for controversial materials

Championed Transparency: parent involvement and community access

- Gave parents their own account for access to their students' school accounts
- Gave the community access to full K-12 curriculum overviews online