

***** Retired GCISD TEACHERS & ADMINS are asking for YOUR HELP! *****
PLEASE VOTE!

Hello GCISD Friends,

We are former GCISD school teachers and administrators 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 incumbents Tammy Nakamura for Place 3 and Kathy Florence-Spradley for Place 4. Both of these ladies are strong advocates for **supporting our teachers** and **providing the best education** possible for our kids, all while **keeping our taxes low**.

We love Tammy and Kathy because they ...

- gave teachers the **highest pay raise** in GCISD history (a 4% pay raise!)
- added an **additional mental/spiritual health day** for teachers
- purchased **new resources** for teachers to use in K-5 reading, K-12 science, and 6-12 math
- put **school resource officers** on every campus to keep teachers and students safe
- started a **fun annual kick-off** event for all employees at Chicken-N-Pickle
- invested in a brand **new digital resource** for customized student learning
- added **more planning time** to the school calendar for teachers

We know Tammy and Kathy understand the value of teachers and are doing everything they can to support them. As former educators and administrators in GCISD, we truly appreciate them!

About TAMMY NAKAMURA: tammy4GCISD.com

Tammy is dedicated to public education and local community service. She and her husband Yuki have lived in GCISD for more than two decades. Both of their children attended GCISD schools.

Tammy's background & school involvement - PTA and special education:

Both her children graduated from GCISD. Tammy served as PTA President or VP at *Glenhope Elementary*, *Cross Timbers Middle*, and *Grapevine High*. She was part of the **cheer and football boosters**. She recently created a **GCISD Special Athletics Booster Club** (a non-profit) and raised over \$35,000 to get the club started. The booster supports our special needs students in K-8.

Tammy's community involvement - Grapevine and Colleyville:

Tammy is a long-time community volunteer and leader. She founded the **GRACE Gala** (the biggest fundraiser for the Grapevine Relief Aid Center) years ago and has been an active member of the **Colleyville Women's Club** for decades. Tammy and her daughter invested hundreds of hours together volunteering with the **National Charity League** at various organizations. Her website shows dozens of other examples of local community service for more than two decades.

Tammy's leadership and business experience - balanced budget, lower taxes, responsible policy:

Tammy's experience as a small business owner gives her superior management skills. She has shown a consistent commitment to a balanced-budget approach to GCISD's finances and has wide-ranging community connections. Last year, she voted in a policy to prevent the district from overtaxing its residents!

About KATHY FLORENCE-SPRADLEY: kathyforGCISD.com

Kathy is a dedicated mother, experienced manager, and has a family that has lived and worked in GCISD for 5 generations. Kathy has very deep roots in this community!

Kathy's leadership and management experience – proud GCISD traditions:

She currently serves on the GCISD **Walk of Honor** Board of Directors, honoring the legacy of GCISD through the decades, and is an active member of the **GHS Alumni Association**, having earned a place in the GHS Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Alumni in 2023. Kathy has worked for an international apparel company for more than two decades in many capacities, primarily in management roles.

Kathy's community involvement – servant leadership:

Every year Kathy and her husband have a booth at the **City of Grapevine's festivals** called "**Holton's Drive for SIDS**" to raise funds to combat SIDS. They founded this non-profit years ago in honor of their son who tragically passed away due to SIDS. Kathy is also highly involved in volunteering in nearly every capacity possible at her church, especially working with youth.

Kathy's trustee focus – Career and Technical Education:

Kathy's recent focus as a trustee has been on the **Career and Technical Education** program. The CTE program provides industry-specific education and training that can also earn students industry-based certifications upon graduation. Kathy is committed to providing all GCISD students with the skills and knowledge they'll need to achieve their goals in life!

OUR FINAL THOUGHTS

GCISD has great schools and we want them to stay that way! Our current school board team, including both Tammy and Kathy, has done a fantastic job focusing on student achievement and teacher support, all while lowering our tax rate every year they have been on the board. It just doesn't get better than that!

We believe that we need incumbents Tammy Nakamura and Kathy Spradley to continue as Trustees in GCISD. They make a great team!

Please MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE for Tammy & Kathy!!

EARLY VOTING: April 22nd - April 29th

ELECTION DAY: May 3rd

Sincerely, proud retired GCISD teachers and administrators,

Heath BULLARD, *Teacher and Coach*, GHS – **30 years**, State Champs Boys Soccer
Kee DIZZINE, *Spanish Teacher*, Grapevine Middle – **20 years** (Letters Paid For by Kee!)
Tara EDDINS, *English Teacher*, GHS
Billie EBERSOLE, *Teacher*, Cannon Elementary – **43 years**
Sue FORD, *Special Education*, Colleyville Elementary & O.C. Taylor – **32 years**
Catherine HENRY, *Teacher, Administrator, and Coach*, GHS – **37 years**
Linda HOLIFIELD, *Principal*, Dove and Heritage Elementary – **19 years**
KayLynn RENFRO, *Teacher and Fillie Director*, GHS – **34 years**
Mike SNEED, *Teacher and Coach*, GHS – **17 years**, State Champs '96, '98
Marilyn WEBER, *AP American History Teacher*, GHS – **20 years**
Judy WESTON, *Math Teacher*, Heritage Middle – **17 years**