

Dear Neighbor,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your District 2 Representative on the Knox County Board of Education. I look forward to serving our students and community for four more years and hope you will support me with your vote during early voting February 12th – 25th or on March 3rd.

Quality public schools are necessary for maintaining a strong, viable, democracy. Our school board has made great strides over the last four years by working collaboratively with each other, County Commissioners, parents, students, teachers, and community members to drive positive change to accomplish the following:

Facilities and Fiscal Responsibility

- Saved approximately \$45,000 in search firm fees by conducting our own superintendent search
- Saved over \$500,000.00 *per year* by moving the principal's academy to an in-house program

Student Learning Conditions

- Completed renovation and much needed expansion of Inskip Elementary School (\$6.5 million)
- Completed construction of two new middle schools
- Began plans to construct three new elementary schools
- Increased teacher compensation 4% in 2019-20

Transparency & Accountability

- Opened policy review and agenda-setting meetings and required public notice
- Improved the non-renewal process, which is now a model for other counties
- Revised polices that had delegated Board responsibilities to the superintendent

Individual Accomplishments

- Four years serving as the TN Legislative Network Representative
 - Traveling to Nashville during legislative session to advocate for our students' interests (funded personally)
 - Reporting to the Board regarding pending legislation & district impacts
- Four years serving on the Policy Review Committee
- Two years (currently) serving as liaison to the Coalition of Large Area School Systems
- One year on the Disparities in Educational Outcomes Task Force
- Chaired Superintendent Evaluation Committee
- Tennessee School Boards Association Level II Boardmanship Award
- Outstanding Community Advocate Award, UT Dept of Theory & Practice in Teacher Education

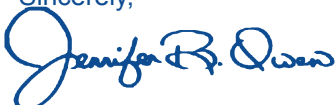
In Progress

- Advocating for changes to inaccurate reporting of student/teacher ratios, due to state requirements
- Advocating for adjustments to the Kindergarten portfolio assessment of teachers
- Working to attract and retain great educators for our students
- Advocating for adjustments to the cumbersome evaluation system, to allow teachers and administrators more time to spend working with students.

While March 3rd is a primary for partisan races, this is THE election for our non-partisan District 2 school board race. Therefore, it is urgent that you vote either during early voting (Feb. 12-25) or on Election Day (March 3).

I humbly ask for your support in this election. If you have questions or if you would like to know how you can join my campaign, please call me any time.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Owen