



We can do better!

My name is Sarah L. Holmes and I was born and raised in Lewis County and this is our home. I have been married to my best friend, Shane for over 18 years. We have 2 beautiful children together, Savannah and Hudson. Our family enjoys being outdoors. The PNW is our playground, we love fishing, hunting, kayaking, hiking and beach combing.

If we aren't doing those activities, you will find us on the sidelines of a court or field cheering our kids on for various sports! We are proudly part of what makes Lewis County one of the best places in the world to live.

Our children attend Centralia Schools and I have been involved in this school district for many years in various capacities. Now I want to help your children reach their goals by personally representing parents on the Centralia School Board

Let's work together to advocate for our children and provide an elevated education with success proven curriculum. Let's leave behind the toxic and divisive social ideologies. Let's allow and empower parents to be the primary stakeholders in their child's upbringing, which includes their education. Let's make Centralia School District a place to be proud of!

### **Ensuring Transparency and Responsible Governance**

- Will hold decision makers accountable, including myself.
- Maintain trust and encourage fellow board members and other decision makers to make informed and ethical choices.
- Academic, science based, age-appropriate curriculum.
- Syllabus provided for all classes with appropriate opt-out for parents/students that don't wish to participate in lessons/activities that go against their religious, or moral beliefs.
- Fiscal responsibility, making necessary budget cuts while maintaining a high level of value for students.
- Listening and representing students, parents, and community members in our district to be a voice for all.

### **Prioritize Students and Staff Safety**

- Have current emergency preparedness plans up to date with the most current information available.
- Security measures in place, including but not limited to a school resource officer. Ideally in every school within the district. (Verified/approved parent volunteers, community members ect. if the budget does not allow for a professional hire).

- Promoting a positive and respectful environment throughout the district with students, staff, and families.
- A stance on negative behavior with firm, fair, and consistent application.
- A clear path on disciplinary action that is enforced by staff and upheld by administrators.

### **Engage the community and elected officials on issues that impact our schools and families**

- Meet with elected officials on a regular basis.
- Have transparent, regular communications with families and community members on the issues that arise to encourage involvement and investment in our schools at all levels.

### **Will stand against government overreach in the school setting**

- Vote NO on any policies that go against our Constitution and protect student rights.
- Parents are the primary stakeholders in their children's education.

### **Foster an understanding of key values, moral character, and active citizenship**

- Encourage and educate students on the value of being responsible members of their community, to serve others and to contribute positively to society.
- Teach students about their fundamental rights and freedoms, how to evaluate information, engage in respectful discussions, and make informed decisions.
- Incorporate these principles in classroom discussions, activities, and simulations to deepen student understanding of liberty, civics, and their roles as engaged citizens.

### **Retention of students and staff**

- Have a stringent hiring process with thorough vetting of staff.
- Promote a safe, positive learning environment for all.
- Invest in student sports, band, chorus as well as other clubs and activities that develop character growth, fitness, team building, and leadership skills.
- Encourage community involvement in the value and benefits of supporting our local schools by having a district the community can trust and depend upon for student success.

### **Quick Facts**

- ❖ Only 34.6% of Centralia students meet ELA Standards.
- ❖ Only 22% of Centralia students meet Math Standards.
- ❖ Only 28.1% of Centralia students meet Science Standards.
- ❖ Only 60.1% of Centralia Students attend school regularly.

(Information collected from the OSPI website Centralia School District Report Card. Based upon 2021-2022 school year)