

Envision Greater Fond du Lac – 2025 School Board Candidate Survey

*Thank you for your willingness to serve our community. Envision Greater Fond du Lac advocates for policies that support economic development, workforce growth, and business friendly environments. Your responses will help our members better understand your vision for Fond du Lac School District's future. ***Please keep your responses to 200 words or less****

1. Why do you want to serve on the Fond du Lac School District Board?

I've grown to love this community. I own a house here, have a business here, and my daughter calls Fond du lac home. The community has greatly supported my business. I wanted to give back and serve the community. I think the foundation of a great community is a healthy school district

2. What do you believe is the greatest strength and the greatest weakness of the Fond du Lac school district and how will you build upon and improve each of them?

I believe the greatest strength of the district is the teachers. I've seen first hand how they educate their students through my daughter. The biggest weakness in my opinion is communication. First off, to help out with the strength of the district I would try my best to support the staff that directly works with students because it is truly about the students so if we support the ones that work with them in the classroom, we will be supporting the students as well. How I would try and fix the communication problem is to personally reply to everyone that reaches out to me and truly take their concerns seriously.

3. As the workforce landscape continues to evolve, how do you believe the school district should adapt to better prepare students for future careers? What specific strategies or partnerships would you advocate for to enhance workforce readiness, including hands on learning opportunities, career exploration, and collaboration with local businesses?

Being in a trade myself, I think the Fond du lac district is doing a great job by preparing students that want to pursue trades with the ACE academy. I wish more communication went out into the community about this program. I'm excited to see this program first hand if elected. As far as academics I think the Fond du lac district is really raising the bar to be college ready. I know last year we had two students in the high school that had perfect ACT scores. That is incredible! That along with the many college credit courses, I think they are setting our students up for success after high school.

4. If elected, how will you ensure transparency and communication between the school board, parents, teachers, and the community?

This is one of the main reasons I am running. When I had some concerns within the district I emailed everyone on the school board. I only received replies back from two out of seven board members. That is unacceptable to me. I did not feel heard by the ones elected to serve the community. If elected I will bring a high level of communication with mw and engage with the community that surrounds us. If you go on my campaign Facebook page you will see that I respond to everyone and engage with the people on that page. This is how we grow, by good communication.

5. What are your priorities for improving student achievement and closing any existing learning gaps?

This is a subject I will need help from other people on the board with. We as a board need to make sure all students have a level playing field for learning. We as a district have recently improved our Reading skills. We need to support the students to get on grade level with reading skills but we also need to make sure the students are engaged while learning and keep them invested in leveling up their academics. If kids are not having fun while learning I don't think they will retain the information. I'm excited to work with the board to tackle this subject if elected onto the board.

6. What is your position on the April 1, 2025, referendum?

This one is a tough one. I support the April 1, 2025 referendum. Only because our students are really achieving better scores as of late and because security is tied in with the current referendum. Security is a huge issue to me. I have a daughter in the district and want all kids to have a safe learning environment. I wish they would have separated the security and operations on the referendum, as in having one question for security and a different question for operations on the April 1st ballot. I

do not blame anyone for voting no on the referendum. It is a big ask. I think we need a good look at our finances and to stay within budget. I know there are issues at the state level with school funding but we need to stay in budget and be smart with how we spend the taxpayers money. Another part of communication, I would like to lay out how we spend our taxpayers money, what we hope to achieve with that money and hear feedback from students and parents on if those programs we spend money on are truly helping them on their educational journey.

