

Citizens for a Fair Ferndale (fairferndale.org) seeks to help Ferndale voters get acquainted with those running for public office. To this end, we asked all Candidates for school board to complete this CFF Candidate Questionnaire. CFF thanks our candidates for responding to this questionnaire and for their willingness to lead.

Ferndale Area School District Board Candidates November 2022 Election

Jonathan Turner

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Why did you decide to run for school board?

I decided to run for the board so that I could give back to the community that gave so much to me. My goal is to increase the student voice at the table and to truly bridge the gap between the board and the students.

For **new** candidates: What has prepared you to hold a School Board seat? If you are an **incumbent**: describe how you have contributed to the leadership of the district. **CFF**
Note: Turner is an incumbent

Being an alumn of Ferndale and having experienced many aspects of the districts offerings has provided me insight to where I think Student Engagement the key to meeting district's vision.

What do you see as the challenges and opportunities faced by the school district as it considers its future?

I think one of the biggest challenges that not only our school district but all school districts are facing is the social-emotional well being of both staff and students.

What role do school leaders have in promoting equity in schools? How do you see Ferndale Schools moving toward racial equity?

Promoting equity in schools is one of the main roles of being a school leader. It is their job to set the culture of not only the school but the district and I believe that Ferndale schools is continuously taking the necessary steps to move us towards racial equity.

Describe the type of development that you see as most beneficial to Ferndale Schools.

I believe that development in student voice is the most beneficial to Ferndale schools. Self advocacy is a crucial-skill that we should develop in all Callstudents. including students to the conversation about important decisions that affect them not only helps them learn how to self advocate but also on the behalf of peers.

Describe Ferndale Schools in fifteen years. What do you see?

In fifteen years, I hope to see Ferndale schools operating with such a strong DEIB mindset that it comes to us at second nature, so that we are able to lead our fellow districts