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

## Sandra Dukhie

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## Why did you decide to run for school board?

I have unconditional and everlasting love for Ferndale Public Schools. It was were my foundation was built and I want to give back to my community.

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: Dukhie is an incumbent* 

I have been part of the district's growing commitment to equity, helping to identify and dismantle barriers for all students.

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

Education is consistently underfunded. Ferndale is uniquely positioned to work in tandem with our supportive communities to ensure our students always receive superior educational supports and experiences.

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

I believe school leaders don't just promote equity in schools, our role is to lead the way, by example - walking the path side by side. Ferndale Schools are already moving towards racial equity, ready and willing to partner municipalities and neighboring districts that are also ready to walk the walk.

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

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

Ferndale Schools will be an educational leader, standing in racial equity, educating future societal leaders.