

SHERBURNE-EARLVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

2024 Candidate Debra Kurtz



Deb Kurtz is a S-E alum and has lived in the district most of her life. She attended the University of Buffalo where she studied Speech-Language Pathology and later SUNY Cortland where she earned her educational administrative certification. Deb worked in education for 30+ years and retired from DCMO BOCES in 2017. In addition to her work at BOCES, Deb provided early intervention services to children birth-5 through Chenango County and currently provides interim services to local school districts.

Deb is currently on the BOE and has served 6 years, the last 5 years as president. As a BOE member, she has been on the Policy Committee, participated in LINKS, and has also participated on the Strategic Planning Committee. In the community, she served on the Town of Sherburne Planning Board for 18 years, and currently serves on the Missions Committee and Diaconate at UCC.

Married to her husband, Keith, for 39 years, they share two daughters who are both S-E graduates: Lindsay, Class of 2005 and Courtney, Class of 2008. They spend as much time as they can with their 6 grandchildren and look forward to summer camping with them. They enjoy traveling with family and friends. They have made their home in the town of Sherburne for 38 years where they have a small hobby farm.



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2024 Candidate William Tyrrell



My name is Will Tyrrell. I am a 1995 graduate of Sherburne Earlville Central School, and a resident of North Norwich. After high school I earned my associate degree from SUNY Delhi in Veterinary Technology. That degree led me to Boston, Massachusetts where I was employed at Harvard Medical School as a research technician at the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery. That position led to a management role at the Brigham and Women's Hospital's Experimental Cardiovascular Interventional Laboratory.

In the beginning of 2002, I returned to Chenango County to help run my family's automobile franchise. We successfully ran that dealership until 2012 until my parents wanted to retire. At that time, I transferred to Chenango Sales in Greene, where I have been ever since. I also own and operate, with the help of my family, two small businesses: Tyrrell's Tents & Rentals LLC and W&B Powerwashing LLC.

My wife, Veronica, and I have been together for 16 years and married for 14 this year. We have two daughters. Our daughters Addison and Marley both attend Sherburne Earlville where they are in 7th and 5th grades. We are all very active in school and community activities.

I am the President of the Sherburne Area Little League as well as a member of the Sherburne Earlville Board of Education. I truly believe and try to instill into our daughters that community involvement is crucial to having a great community to live in. If you don't get involved in your community, you cannot complain about it or expect positive change.



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2024 Candidate Ethan Johnson



Ethan completed his education at Sherburne-Earlville in 2011. Following graduation, he joined the United States Army and served for four years with a Scout unit based in Kansas. Upon completing his military service, he returned to his hometown area and embarked on a career in the electrical industry, currently employed as a lineman with Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative.

Ethan's decision to run for the school board stems from his deep family ties to Sherburne-Earlville CSD, where several relatives serve as educators. Combined with his strong commitment to supporting the community where he was raised, Ethan is driven by a desire to contribute to the betterment of his hometown, and education as a whole.

Over the last 8 years, he has dedicated his time to coaching at Morrisville-Eaton Central School, where he has worked with various teams including Varsity Basketball and both Modified and Varsity Football. Coaching and mentoring young athletes have been among his most cherished pursuits, and he eagerly anticipates the start of each season to reconnect with the kids and guide them towards their goals.

In his free time, he enjoys the company of his wife, Dana, and their daughter, Theodora, tending to their hobby farm along with summer gatherings around fires with his family and friends.



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2024 Candidate Kerry Simmons



Kerry Simmons grew up in our local area, graduating from Sherburne-Earlville CSD. After high school she began her career with the purchase of the Sherburne Video business. Kerry developed long lasting relationships with community members throughout the 18 years that she owned and operated the video store in Sherburne.

As technology began to change and Kerry's family grew, she made the decision to close the video store. While closing a business is a tough decision, Kerry went on to develop a new skillset during her successful career as Manager of Skillin's Jewelers and Conti Jewelers. As her children grew older and became more involved with activities, Kerry decided to make a career change that would allow her to have more time with her family.

Kerry works at DCMO BOCES as an Administrative Assistant for Instructional Support Services. Kerry continues to expand her knowledge and her current role has allowed her to take an active role in her children's schooling and extracurricular activities.

Kerry has served the community and Sherburne-Earlville Central School as the President of the Elementary PTO for 6 years. During these years she led the organization as it grew to become a well-established host for school and community activities that unites our parents and teachers for the shared goal of providing positive experiences for our children.

As Kerry continues to grow with her children, she quickly identified a beneficial opportunity to begin a Middle/High School PTO organization at Sherburne-Earlville. She began the 22-23 school year in the Presidential role, collaborating with parents and teachers to create a new PTO. The organization had a successful inaugural year and Kerry continues to support its success by serving in the Vice President capacity.

In her free time, Kerry enjoys reading, attending sporting events and going to the beach. You can always find her on the sidelines or in the stadium cheering on her children. Kerry is very excited to join the Sherburne-Earlville School Board and looks forward to being a bridge between our school and community.

