

Dodgeville School Board primary candidate profiles

John A. Gardner II

Age: 44
Education: Mineral Point High School - 1986
Family: Wife Amanda, Sons: Jacob -10 and Joey - 8
Employment: Iowa County Highway Department

Why are you running for Dodgeville School Board?

I am running for School Board because I feel people need to get involved in the planning and future of their children, instead of sitting back and complaining about decisions that are made. I have two children in the Dodgeville School District and like any parent, I want them continue to receive the best education possible.

What do you believe are the most pressing issues in the Dodgeville School District?

I believe the most pressing issues that are facing the District at this time are: the budget constraints, retaining/recruiting quality staff, and overcrowding in the schools. Another issue is setting a long range plan and goals.

David Gollon

Age: 50
Education: High School
Family: Married with four children
Employment: Fish farmer

Why are you running for Dodgeville School Board?

These are challenging times and I believe I can help meet the challenges we are facing and will face in the future.

What do you believe are the most pressing issues in the Dodgeville School District?

The issues will vary. Currently the most pressing issue seems to be one of funding or lack of depending on various opinions. The challenge will be to continue to provide quality education and the necessary facilities without creating too much of a financial burden on property taxes. We must be fiscally responsible and provide the highest quality education possible.

Missy Hottmann

Age: 43
Education: Bachelors degree in business/finance at UW P
Family: Married with 2 sons that attend the Dodgeville school system
Employment: Director of Inventory planning - Lands' End

Why are you running for Dodgeville School Board?

I previously served 6 years on the Dodgeville School Board. During my previous tenure and currently today I have a passion to ensure that the children of this district receive the best education possible.

What do you believe are the most pressing issues in the Dodgeville School District?

I believe that the most pressing issues for the district are:

- a. State impact on:
- i. Finances
- ii. Curriculum
- iii. Staffing
- b. The need to develop and communicate a comprehensive short and long term plan for educational excellence around:
 - i. Curriculum
 - ii. Instruction
 - iii. Facilities
- c. Broaden the base of input from the public to benefit and strengthen the Dodgeville School District.

Donald Kreul

Age: 54
Education: One year at Southwest Tech, ag building.
Family: Three boys, Daniel, 29, Devin, 26, Caleb, 3 and a girl Kylie, 8.
Employment: Self-employed.

Why are you running for Dodgeville School Board?

I'm running for re-election.

What do you believe are the most pressing issues in the Dodgeville School District?

Having enough room in our schools for our children to get the best education possible, and to make our schools a safe place so no child gets hurt getting to and from school or while in school. We also need to move the administration staff back to school the school grounds so we can save \$35,000 a year. We could use that money to put into our schools. My goal is to find a way to plan for 20 years into the future.