

My name is Catherine Berry, but most people call me Cathy. I am running for the Campbell Board of Education so I can hopefully give back to a school system that has given me so much.

Not only did I graduate from Memorial, but so did all of my siblings. After graduation, I married my husband, Mike, and we chose to raise our children in the same city I grew up in. Our six children graduated from Memorial and so far, four of my grandchildren have as well.

My husband passed away in 2011, but we spent 36 years living in this city that has always been my home but became Mike's, too. He faithfully attended many sporting events - football and basketball being his favorite.

I believe our schools have the best teachers and staff. They give our kids the tools and diversity needed to be successful, productive adults. Our kids can go anywhere in the world thanks to the diversity our city offers. They can handle any challenge that comes their way.

I have spent years volunteering at many different organizations and committees in the city to do my part in benefiting the community and children.

I spent 32 years working for the district – mostly as a school bus driver. I have watched children start preschool then go on to elementary and middle school then finally head to the high school and graduate. I was blessed to see many of my students grow up and have children of their own who eventually made their way on my bus, too. It has been an honor to be a part of so many lives.

My goal is to further the good happenings in our school and to put the kids first - always. Please consider making me a member of the Campbell Board of Education.