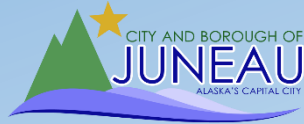


2019 Official Candidate Statement City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Bonnie Jensen

Candidate: School Board Member



Name:	Bonnie Jensen
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Age:	35
Occupation:	Accountant
Spouse's Name:	Jeremy Jensen
Children's Names:	Avalyn Schenker and John Jensen
Place of Birth:	Bethel, Alaska
Length of Residency in Juneau:	30 years
Education:	Associates Degree, UAS

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less.]:*

I grew up in Juneau and attended UAS after high school. Like many other individuals I left for a while but returned to raise my family. I currently work for the State of Alaska, Division of Commercial Fisheries as an Accountant and live in Douglas with my husband, two children, and two dogs. On the weekends you will most likely find my family and me outside enjoying a trail on our bikes, hitting the slopes, or attending a community event.

Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less.]:*

I am excited to be a candidate for the Board of Education. I am a proud product of the Juneau School District and currently have two children attending district schools. I would welcome the opportunity to be instrumental in the educational success of not only my children but all children in Juneau.

I will value the ideas and contributions of students, families and community members. I enjoy creative discussion to solving problems in my work and personal life. My knowledge and experience in governmental accounting, budgeting, and interpreting state regulations will allow me to contribute to the board's decision-making process. I am a strong collaborator which will be valuable as the school district grapples with potential declining state resources. I enjoy researching, learning about new subjects and the construction of a well-thought-out argument. I work well with others in group settings and would strive to provide valuable input as a member of the board.

I believe smaller classes and extracurricular activities are vital. It's difficult for teachers to engage students in large classrooms and provide the quality education that every child deserves. Extracurricular activities and the arts provide with students with learning outside of core subjects and valuable life-long skills.

I strongly believe that a school board needs to be collaborative, open-minded and have a strong overall understanding of issues in order to be effective. My vision for our school district is to create a positive environment where all students want to attend and succeed.