

2021 Official Candidate Statement
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska
Elizabeth (Ebett) Siddon
Candidate: School Board Member



Name: Elizabeth (Ebett) Siddon

Office Sought: Board of Education (School Board) Member

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Age: 43

Occupation: Fisheries Biologist

Spouse's Name: Chris

Children's Names: Luke

Length of Residency in Juneau: 19 years

Communities lived in & dates of residency: Juneau, Alaska (since 2002)

Education: B.S. from the University of New Hampshire (2000)
M.S. in Fisheries from the University of Alaska Fairbanks (2005)
PhD in Fisheries from the University of Alaska Fairbanks (2013)

Business and Professional Positions: I work as a Research Fisheries Biologist for NOAA's Alaska Fisheries Science Center (Auke Bay Labs).

Service Organization Memberships: Juneau Board of Education (since 2018).
Statewide parent representative to the Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council (AECCC; coordinates state programs and

services for children prenatal through age 12).
Parent representative to the Governor's Council on Disabilities
and Special Education's Early Intervention Committee.

Special Interests: Running, hiking, hockey

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

I grew up in New Hampshire before moving to Pittsburgh, PA for high school. I attended the University of New Hampshire for my undergraduate degree in Marine and Freshwater Biology. I moved to Juneau in 2002 to begin my Masters in Fisheries program at UAF's College of Fisheries. I studied nearshore kelp ecology and spent a lot of time SCUBA diving in the Juneau area. After receiving my Masters, I worked for NOAA as a scientific editor while also teaching as an adjunct faculty at the University of Alaska Southeast. In 2008, I started a PhD program at UAF's College of Fisheries conducting research on walleye pollock in the Bering Sea and graduated in 2013. I currently work for NOAA Fisheries where I lead ecosystem research in the Bering Sea. Each summer, I teach an undergraduate course in ecosystem research at the Shoals Marine Laboratory off the coast of Maine.

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

I bring professional and personal experiences to the School Board. Professionally, I have a PhD in Fisheries from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and am committed to supporting students through outreach education. Personally, I have a 2nd grader in the Juneau School District.

I bring a strong background in three specific areas:

1. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

I have studied and/or worked in the sciences my entire adult life. I recognize the role that science plays in educating children, especially children growing up in Juneau. I work in a dynamic scientific community, I know the importance of communicating science to a broad audience, and I am familiar with the current landscape of scientific fields. STEM education teaches critical thinking skills and a strong science foundation prepares students in all subject areas.

2. Special Education.

I am the mother of a Special Education student. I believe that integration, with appropriate supports, provides benefits to all students in the classroom. Our classrooms are our future communities and those communities will be made up of all types and abilities.

3. Early learning and intervention.

I am the statewide parent representative on the Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council and a parent representative on the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education's Early Intervention Committee. I believe in high quality early care and learning and believe that early interventions lead to improved outcomes for children. Early investments lead to reduced long-term costs for families, the school district, and the community at-large.