

**2023 Official Candidate Statement  
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska**

**Paige Sipniewski**

**Candidate: Board of Education**



**Name:** Paige Sipniewski

**Office Sought:** Board of Education (School Board)

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**Age at the date of Election:** 32

**Occupation:** Administrative Officer 2, State of Alaska

**Spouse's Name:** Stanley Sipniewski

**Children's Names:** Kyrstin, Isaiah, Jaxon, and Charlotte

**Place of Birth:** Juneau, Alaska

**Length of Residency in Juneau:** 32 years

**Communities lived in & dates of residency:** Juneau, AK 1990-2023

**Education:** Juneau Douglas High School Graduate

**Business and Professional Positions:** State of Alaska Employee 2011-current

**Special Interests:** Volunteering for youth sports, gardening

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

I am a lifelong resident of Juneau, deeply rooted in this town that I love and call home. My name is Paige, and with my husband Stanley, who co-owns Alpine Construction, we have four wonderful children - Kyrstin, Isaiah, Jaxon, and Charlotte.

Over the years, I have built strong relationships with the locals through various jobs, including working at Lemon Creek Breeze In, Valentine's Pizzeria, and Java Jazz Coffee. I became a State of Alaska employee in 2011, gaining valuable experience in different departments and honing my budgeting, personnel management, and customer service skills for the past 12 years.

Aside from my professional pursuits, I find joy in serving the people of Juneau and have a passion for ensuring a bright future for the children in our community. In my free time I enjoy gardening, experimenting with new dinner recipes, and traveling to my favorite destination Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

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

I am running for a seat on the School Board because public schools should represent the interests of all parents and children in Juneau. The challenges brought on by the Covid shutdowns have been significant, with many students needing to catch up. I am committed to ensuring that our public schools provide a high-quality education for every child while actively considering and incorporating parents' input into decision-making. As a working parent, I understand how school schedules can impact families. I am determined to find balanced and reasonable solutions that prioritize education and working parents' needs.

Among my other concerns is the transparency of the School District's budget. Clear and open communication about how funds are allocated will enable better budgeting and ensure that resources are used effectively. Additionally, I am deeply concerned about class sizes, as large classes can diminish students' attention and lead to behavioral challenges.

Another priority for me is the hiring and retention of teachers. We must look at more incentives and consider offering sign up bonuses to attract and retain the best educators. Ultimately, we must prioritize academic achievement for all students, including those who may not pursue college but instead choose to enter the trades.

I aim to work collaboratively with the community and other board members to create positive change and provide an outstanding educational experience for every child in Juneau. I am dedicated to making a difference and ensuring our schools thrive, setting the stage for a brighter future for our children.