

2024 Official Candidate Statement

City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

Amber Frommherz

Candidate: Board of Education



Name as it appears on the ballot: Amber Frommherz

Office Sought: JSD School Board (Board of Education)

Residence Address: 4801 River Road, Juneau, AK 99801

Mailing Address: Same

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Age: 43

Occupation: Outreach & Development Program Manager

Children's names: Kira, Ricardo, Nanibah, & Shandiin

Place of Birth: To'Nanees'Dizi (Tuba City), AZ

Length of Residency in Juneau: 10 years

Communities lived in & dates of residency: San Diego, CA (2000 - 2003)
Albuquerque, NM (2003 - 2005)
Hanscom AFB/Woburn, MA (2005 - 2014)
Juneau, AK (2014 - Present)

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Tufts University--Medford, MA (2011)
Master of Arts, Tufts University--Medford, MA (2014)

Political or Government Work: School Board Member, Juneau School District (2021-2024)

Business or Professional Work:

I work as the Outreach & Development Program Manager for SEARHC to assist and promote the consortium's grow-your-own initiatives throughout SE AK.

Special Interests:

Booster Club mom-duties, seasonal outdoor activities, and visiting AZ family when I can.

Biographical Information *[limited to 150 words or less. Articles such as "a", "and", and "the" will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

Yá'át'ééh, Amber Frommherz yinishé. Kinyaa'áanii nishłí. Tł'izí łan'í báshishchíí n. Tł'ááshch'í'í 'éí dashicheii nááná Táchii'nii 'éí dashinálí. 'Ákót'éego 'éí 'asdzáni nishłi.

My name is Amber Frommherz. I am of the Towering House clan, born for the Many Goats clan. My maternal grandfather is of the Red Cheek clan and my paternal grandfather is of the Red-Running-Into-Water clan.

My journey has been rooted in education, either to obtain it or serve in it, and, now to connect others to it. I joined the Navy to help pay for college. After five years, I became a "non-traditional" student starting at a tribal college and finishing with a graduate degree from Tufts University in MA. By 2014, my family and I relocated to Juneau via orders from the Coast Guard. Since 2014 my family and I have developed a love of the land and connection to the community of Dzántik'i Héeni (Juneau).

Position Statement *[limited to 250 words or less. Articles such as "a", "and", and "the" will be counted. Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]:*

I bring a reflective and inquisitive leadership approach to the school board. I have almost three years experience as a JSD School Board member where I have learned the importance and impact of process, public engagement, and policy. I am committed to finding student/family-centric solutions amidst the district's reconfiguration and challenging state-fiscal climate.

I bring experience working with national, state, inter-tribal, and municipal agencies to advocate for early education and military-families. My lived and professional experiences have proven that a collective approach with respect for different views helps to solve challenges.

If elected to JSD School Board, I intend to

- be available to communicate with those who are invested in our school district;
- advocate to improve state education funding;
- continue support for social and emotional literacy for students and staff;
- ensure continued support for culturally-responsive teaching in partnership with local cultural heritage organizations, and;
- learn about and support JSD CTE programming.

I would appreciate your vote.