

# 2024 Official Candidate Statement

## City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska

### Jeff Redmond

#### Candidate: Board of Education



**Name as it appears on the ballot:** Jeff Redmond

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

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**Age:** 43

**Occupation:** City of Juneau, Transit

**Place of Birth:** Washington State

**Length of Residency in Juneau:** 11 years

**Communities lived in & dates of residency:** Cordova, Alaska: 10 years

**Education:** University of Alaska Southeast, Early Childhood Education

**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 Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published]:*

I moved to Alaska 20 years ago, drawn by a deep respect and love for the natural beauty and the strong sense of community that this state offers. With a passion for education and a firm belief in the importance of nurturing the next generation, I have dedicated my life to serving the public, currently working for the City of Juneau's Transit Department. My commitment to education stems from my own academic journey at the University of Alaska Southeast, where I studied Early Childhood Education. As a parent with two children in the Juneau School District, I understand the challenges our schools face and the need for a dedicated, balanced approach to governance that puts our children's best interests first.

**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 Any words beyond the allotted word count will not be published. Negative campaign material will not be published.]*:

As a candidate for the Juneau School Board, my focus is on removing politics from our education system and prioritizing what truly matters: the well-being and success of our students. With two children currently enrolled in the Juneau School District, I have a vested interest in the quality of education they receive. I believe our schools should be safe, inclusive environments where every child has the opportunity to thrive academically and personally.

Our district is facing significant challenges, including budget constraints and declining enrollment. While these issues are daunting, they are not insurmountable. Other districts have faced similar difficulties and have emerged stronger by focusing on strategic, community-driven solutions. I believe we can do the same.

If elected, I will work to ensure that the decisions made by the school board reflect the needs and aspirations of our community. My goal is to foster a collaborative environment where parents, teachers, and administrators work together to create a positive and effective educational experience for all students. By putting politics aside and focusing on what’s best for our children, we can build a brighter future for our district.