

Question 5

What school or district activities have you participated in with Rolla Public Schools outside of your current or previous professional roles?

Jessica Barron

I firmly believe that commitment is shown through actions, not just words. I am deeply committed to this community, and I believe my actions show that.

I'm very active with the Chamber, specifically the education committee. Through this work, I have had the honor to present to 8th grade students through the Show Me Scholars Program. Of course, I attend as many sporting events as I can to support our athletes (go Bulldogs!) and as an alum of the program, I always try to attend the RHS plays. This year I served as a judge for DECA competitions and as a member of the marketing advisory committee at RTI. Through each of these activities I have the opportunity to meet new members of the community and learn what matters most to them. I take each of these interactions back to my work on the board.

I also would be remiss if I didn't mention my passion for wrestling that has arisen as my daughter has been part of the team the last few seasons. Seeing the work of Coach Hauck and the tenacity of the team up close and personal is a constant reminder of how sports and extracurriculars can be classrooms in their own right, teaching our students the values of hard work and discipline.

Larry Marti

As a recent returner to the Rolla Public Schools community, I haven't yet had the opportunity to participate in specific district activities outside of helping through my church with the Back Pack Program. However, my engagement stems from a desire to serve on the school board and contribute meaningfully to the district's continued success. My interest in the school board service reflects my commitment to understanding and supporting the community's educational priorities. While I have already dove into activities like attending some school events, I look forward to volunteering at district initiatives, or collaborating with parents and staff where appropriate. My intent to serve is driven by a desire to increase the character of our students and continue to strengthen our schools by making them a model for the state.

Matt Fridley

I have been a parent, a teacher, an administrator, and a community member impacted by the work of our district. I currently work as a ViPS volunteer with Rolla Police

Department. I have served as a member of City Council for four years and have worked to help our community support the role of the school district in that capacity. I have been an advocate for the initiatives that brought change to our district. From helping to advocate for additional learning spaces to safety measures, I have worked to help continue the support of education in our community.

As a parent, I witnessed the work of educators to help my own children. Whether it was the impact of a football coach, a 5th grade teacher, or countless others, I watched as my own children were provided with countless opportunities to thrive. I am proud of the accomplishments of my own children and I attribute this to the quality of the education they received while attending Rolla Public Schools.

Rolla Public Schools is an integral part of our community and the community as a whole benefits from the work that takes place in our schools. We all benefit from the positive outcomes attributed to our school district. I am a proud supporter of our school district and have supported students in our community for over 23 years.

Jim Packard

Served on the RJHS Parent Advisory Committee

Served on the Beyond 2000 Committee

I have read books in classrooms

Provided assistance during registration at several schools

Served as Quest project judge

Participated in the RHS Homecoming Parade

Served as Rolla Invitational Speech & Debate Tournament judge

I am a Rolla Public Schools sports fan, and try to support our teams by attending games.