

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
Paso Robles Joint Unified School District**

DEBORAH RITCHIE

Age: 39

Occupation: Medical Biller

Education and Qualifications: I am Debbie Ritchie, 39, attended Paso Robles Schools, and married with two children who also attend/attended Paso Robles Schools. I was a bus driver for 10 years for our school district. While employed I was actively involved with the California School Employee Association. During my involvement I was a job steward. Our family is very active in Chaparral 4H and enjoy a positive involvement with all the kids. My daughter is active in Sports Medicine at Paso Robles High School and enjoys playing basketball and being a Bearcat.

My goal is to do my best to see the progress of our educational system to grow and support the employees, students and parents involved with our school. There is still much more we can do to better our educational environment and to build a stronger working partnership.

I would like to ask for your support for Paso Robles School Board Member. I will do my best to represent our district as a whole.

s/ Deborah Ritchie

**DECLARACIÓN DE LA CANDIDATA A
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA DE GOBIERNO
Distrito Escolar Unificado Conjunto de Paso Robles**

DEBORAH RITCHIE

Edad: 39

Ocupación: Cobradora Médica

Educación y Competencia: Soy Debbie Ritchie, 39, asistí a las Escuelas de Paso Robles, y estoy casada y tengo dos niños que también asisten/asistieron a Escuelas de Paso Robles. Fui chofer de autobús por 10 años para nuestro distrito escolar. Estando empleada participé activamente en la Asociación de Empleados Escolares de California. Durante mi participación fui administradora de empleos. Nuestra familia está muy activa en Chaparral 4H y disfruta de una participación positiva con todos los niños. Mi hija está activa en Medicina Deportiva en la Escuela Secundaria Paso Robles y disfruta jugar básquetbol y ser una Bearcat.

Mi meta es esforzarme al máximo para ver que el progreso de nuestro sistema educativo crezca y apoye a los empleados, estudiantes y padres de familia involucrados con nuestra escuela. Todavía queda mucho más que podemos hacer para mejorar nuestro entorno educativo y construir una asociación más sólida.

Me gustaría pedirle su apoyo para ser Miembro de la Junta Escolar de Paso Robles. Me esforzaré al máximo para representar a nuestro distrito en su totalidad.

f/ Deborah Ritchie

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DEBI SAUNDERS

Occupation: Parent, Businessperson, and Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: I am an active volunteer in the community and school district with a strong commitment to education. As a very involved parent of school aged children in the Paso Robles School District, I know how board decisions translate to schools, classrooms, teachers, and students. I am also a local self employed businessperson with a great knowledge of business finances, budgets, employee, and community relations. I understand what it takes to run a business soundly. These qualities and my resourcefulness are a great asset to the board with the current budget deficits schools are facing.

With a new superintendent, PRJUSD is about to write its next chapter. Opportunities and challenges lie ahead. I would like to contribute to this. If reelected I will draw upon my past experience and dedication to the position. I will encourage a strong collaborative culture that encourages community involvement, new ideas, and sustains a climate of inclusiveness and pride for all.

We must ensure that all PRJUSD students graduate with the skills they will need to succeed in a changing world. All children enrolled in PRJUSD deserve a top-quality education. Working together, we can make this happen.

I would appreciate your vote.

s/ Debra A. Saunders

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BARBARA HARRIS

Age: 52

Occupation: Appointed Incumbent, School District Governing Board Member

Education and Qualifications: Every child deserves a chance to succeed to the best of their abilities. To make that happen, we need a school board representing the entire community. If elected, I bring a unique perspective to the board. I have a Bachelors degree in Business, and a lot of experience in collaborative activities. In our schools I have been a yard supervisor, para-educator, and substitute teacher. In the business world, I held mid-management positions and was myself a small business owner. I have been a member of a local union, where I held a leadership position.

But more importantly is my community work — local, county and state PTA, softball coach, district elementary and middle school site councils, safe schools committee, parent council and fiscal policy committee, and I worked very diligently with a team to get our school bond approved.

The bottom line is I am a mom who cares enough to get involved. My focus is on kids, and ensuring they have the tools they need to succeed. Please vote for me, Barbara Harris, Paso Robles School District Governing Board Member.

s/ Barbara Harris

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ROBERT SIMOLA

Occupation: Incumbent, Retired Teacher

Education and Qualifications: Every student must be encouraged to make academic progress, and setting high academic expectations and high expectations for student conduct and behavior helps raise student achievement, improves student conduct and behavior, and ensures our classrooms are constructive centers for learning. In the classroom, students must respect their teachers, other students, and take responsibility for their actions. As your school board member I will promote skills and values that will help students prepare for success in their futures whether that future includes college, trade or technical school, or career. These values include strong character traits like honesty, responsibility, respect, and self-discipline. These values also include strong work habits, being on-time, and being accountable for behavior. Setting high standards for student behavior and student achievement is my first concern.

s/ Robert Simola

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ROBERT SIMOLA

Ocupación: Titular, Maestro Jubilado

Educación y Competencia: Todo estudiante debe ser alentado a progresar académicamente, y establecer altas expectativas académicas y altas expectativas para la conducta y comportamiento del estudiante contribuye a incrementar el logro de los estudiantes, mejora la conducta y comportamiento del estudiante, y asegura que nuestras aulas sean centros constructivos para el aprendizaje. En el aula, los estudiantes deben respetar a sus maestros, otros estudiantes, y asumir responsabilidad por sus acciones. Como miembro de la junta escolar promoveré habilidades y valores que ayuden a los estudiantes a prepararse para el éxito en su futuro ya sea que dicho futuro incluya el colegio, escuela de oficios o técnica, o una carrera. Estos valores incluyen rasgos marcados de carácter como la honestidad, responsabilidad, respeto, y autodisciplina. Estos valores también incluyen sólidos hábitos de estudio, puntualidad, y responsabilidad por el comportamiento. Establecer altos estándares para el comportamiento y el logro de los estudiantes es mi principal preocupación.

f/ Robert Simola

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TIM GEARHART

Occupation: Retired Teacher

Education and Qualifications: Through our schools, we build our future. But our schools have to have the right tools to do their job. As your school board member I will promote policies which remove obstacles to student achievement. I will work in partnership with parents and teachers, and give the schools the tools they need to give the students the skills they need. This means having safe, healthy classrooms with the technology needed for modern teaching. It means having students who know there will be zero tolerance for unacceptable behavior, and it means supporting the kind of prevention programs which help kids stay on the right track.

I'm Tim Gearhart, and have worked closely with our students, teachers, and administration during the last 21 years as a master teacher. I also have a daughter in our high school. Our District has to cut about 2.7 million dollars from our budget this year. I am committed to protect our sports, music, drama and other electives from being eliminated or crippled during this budget crisis. Not all of our children are going to college as math or science majors. I favor a rich, balanced education for all of our students.

s/ Tim Gearhart

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TIM GEARHART

Ocupación: Maestro Jubilado

Educación y Competencia: A través de nuestras escuelas, construimos nuestro futuro. No obstante, nuestras escuelas deben tener las herramientas adecuadas para hacer su trabajo. Como miembro de la junta escolar promoveré políticas que eliminen los obstáculos para el logro de los estudiantes. Trabajaré junto con los padres de familia y maestros, y brindaré a las escuelas las herramientas que necesitan para darles a los estudiantes las habilidades que necesitan. Esto significa tener aulas seguras, saludables con la tecnología necesaria para la enseñanza moderna. Esto significa tener estudiantes que saben que habrá tolerancia cero para el comportamiento inaceptable, y esto significa apoyar la clase de programas de prevención que ayude a los niños a permanecer en el buen camino.

Soy Tim Gearhart, y he trabajado estrechamente con nuestros estudiantes, maestros, y administración durante los últimos 21 años como maestro titular. También tengo una hija en nuestra escuela secundaria. Nuestro Distrito tiene que recortar aproximadamente 2.7 millones de dólares de nuestro presupuesto este año. Estoy comprometido a proteger nuestros deportes, música, teatro y otras asignaturas optativas. No todos nuestros niños asistirán al colegio con títulos de especialización en matemáticas o ciencias. Estoy a favor de una educación rica, equilibrada para todos nuestros estudiantes.

f/ Tim Gearhart

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MARK PERRY

Age: 51

Occupation: Supervisor of employees for P.R.W.D.I., Director of Safety also for P.R.W.D.I.

Education and Qualifications: Life: I was born and have lived in Paso Robles for over forty years.

Education: I went to elementary school, Jr. high School, and graduated from Paso Robles High School. My two sons both went through the Paso Robles School District and both also graduated from Paso Robles High School. They are currently in college.

Married: I have been married to my wife Julie for twenty-seven years.

Achievements: I have coached my sons in youth sports, coached youth football, and also youth baseball.

Belong in Paso Robles Rotary Club, co-chairman of the Pioneer Day Rotary Old-Timers event. Help teach fifth grade religious education at St. Rose Catholic Church. Board member for Skills USA at P.R.H.S., board member for P.R.H.S. Athletic Hall of Fame, FFA Booster member, P.R.H.S. Band and Color Guard member, and Bearcat Booster (P.R.H.S. athletics).

Past Achievements: Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce Roblan of the Month Nov. 2001, P.R.H.S. FFA Blue and Gold Award (volunteer), P.R.H.S. Community Bearcat of the Year (volunteer), and Pioneer Day Committee Board member.

I am running for position on the school board, because I love this community and I feel I can give positive input.

s/ Mark Perry

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RUBEN F. TATE, JR.

Age: 76

Occupation: Incumbent, Pastor

Education and Qualifications: To prepare our students for the future, our school board must foster the three "T's" of teamwork, training, and technology that kids need to supplement the three "R's". Seeking a second term as your School Board Trustee I will continue to work hard for a quality-learning environment for our children. Parents, teachers, and the school board must work together, as a team! Our schools and teachers must emphasize skills training so our students are trained for college or career. As your school board member I will continue to make sure that our classrooms are ready to take advantage of the new technologies to prepare our students to compete and prosper in this new century.

I dedicate myself to keeping open lines of communication within the board, parents, community, and teachers. Our teachers and parents need to be part of the decision making that affects the classroom and impacts the education provided to our children. My position in the community as a Pastor and School Board Trustee has given me the leadership skills to meet the challenges of the new generation. Working together we will build a solid foundation for our students, teachers and community.

I ask for your vote.

s/ Ruben F. Tate, Jr.