

## **AI Grippe Candidate Statement**

I am interested in continuing to serve as a parent representative on Oriole Park School's LSC for the upcoming term. I have three children, two of whom are current OPS students (grades 4 and kindergarten) and a little one at home who will join the OPS family in 2023. I am committed to education and equity and feel my experience and passion make me uniquely qualified to serve in this role.

### **Background and Experience:**

I am a candidate for a Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership having completed my coursework and am currently finishing up my dissertation. For the past 15 years, I have worked in a various educational settings (K-8 through Community Colleges). During that time I have served in many roles and currently as an Administrator in Higher Education. I oversee a department responsible for the development of a strategic approach to funding diversification through external sources in my role as the Director of Grant Strategy and Development. This position allows me to work collaboratively with various teams, under tight deadlines to develop and design innovative programming that aligns with the school's mission and values. I have a balanced understanding of the unique struggles schools experience navigating the increasing needs of our students (academic as well as social/emotional), compensating for budgetary shortfalls, while still supporting and valuing our teachers and staff. I use data to inform my decisions, am not afraid to think outside of the box, and truly value collaboration and creative problem-solving.

### **Volunteerism:**

Volunteerism is a core value we hold in our family. I am a former AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) where I served for two and a half terms at a youth-serving non-profit in Vermont. I've served on numerous Boards of Directors throughout the years and held leadership positions on many of them. In addition to my term as a parent representative on the LSC at Oriole Park, I was instrumental in the creation, and currently serve as the chair of the Equity Committee at OPS. I have also served for three years on the Oriole Park Educational Foundation and currently hold the role of President.

I would be honored to again serve as an LSC member at Oriole Park School. I believe I contribute to the team by encouraging excellence through data-informed decision making, a culture of continuous improvement, remaining mission-focused, and doing so through an equity lens.