

May 2, 2023 Anderson School District Election

- April 14, 2023 – County Election Office mails Ballots.
- May 2, 2023 – Election Day – Ballots due by 8:00 pm.

Ballots may be returned to the following location:

County Election Office	<u>Office Hours</u>	<u>Election Day</u>
311 West Main, Room 210 Bozeman, MT 59715	8:00am–5:00pm Monday – Friday	7:00am–8:00pm

Ballots may be returned in person or by mail to the Gallatin County Election Office. Please allow enough time for delivery prior to the May 2, 2023 deadline.

Trustee Election

Voters will be asked to vote for **two (2)** Elementary Trustee positions. Both positions are for three year terms. Following is information on the three candidates running for election:

Brandon Atkins- I have been on the board for the last four years and would be honored to serve for another term. I have been self-employed for over 15 years and received bachelor's degrees from both Montana State University and University of Montana. While at MSU I met my wife, Jackie, and we will celebrate our 20-year anniversary this year. We have three wonderful children who all currently attend Anderson.

I believe school board members need to support the district to provide an outstanding public education while also being fiscally responsible. Anderson School does both. This year, the school is one of only three in the state to be nominated for a National Blue-Ribbon Award, which is a testament to the caliber of our teachers and staff. The Anderson School Board is committed to responsible use of our funds. As an example, the board created a revenue committee and grant committee. These committees allow more financial flexibility by permitting the district to look for alternative funds prior to asking for taxpayer assistance. I am lucky to call myself an Anderson Parent and would be honored to continue to support the district if I am reelected to the Anderson School Board.

Tiffany Ball- I have spent years in elementary school classrooms as a teacher, a parent, and a volunteer, and would love to serve the Anderson community as a School Board Trustee. I've been a first and second grade teacher, and have spent countless hours volunteering with students, helping them 1:1 with math, reading, writing and art. Having done so in classrooms in multiple states and across the globe, I have great appreciation for what it takes to make a school excellent. When we moved to the area, Anderson's small class sizes, specialized programs, and extracurricular activities stood out to me as a mother and an educator, and it was the main reason we settled where we did. I've seen first-hand how much the staff care for each student and strive to meet their different needs through both classroom curriculum and individualized programs, and how the great education at Anderson is enabled through teachers, staff, parents, and the Anderson community as a whole working together. As a School Board Trustee, I hope to help ensure Anderson School continues to provide education that supports individual student needs with excellent staff, curriculum, and community - all working together for the success of the students, and creating a place where families want to raise their children.

Anne Moody- As a proud parent of former and current Anderson students, I am excited to apply for the role of Board of Trustees member to support the amazing work that is already being done at Anderson School. With a broad background in education, business, and parenting, I have the necessary skills and experience to be an asset to the Board. My 12 years of experience as a Special Education teacher has taught me the value of effective communication and collaboration between parents and teachers. I am a strong advocate of the home-school connection and believe that it is crucial to a child's success. I am also detail-oriented and take great care to ensure that all paperwork and communication are handled promptly and efficiently. In addition to my background in education, I also have several years of experience in business. As a small business owner, I am familiar with the challenges of budgeting, employee management, and adherence to guidelines. I believe that my business acumen would be an asset to the Board. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve Anderson School as a member of the Board of Trustees.