

November 16, 2021

Board of Trustees Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation
55900 Bittersweet Rd
Mishawaka, IN 46545

P-H-M Board of School Trustees,

I am interested in one of the vacant Penn township seats for PHM School Board. I have had four children in PHM schools. Additionally, I was active on the Elsie Rogers PTO for five years, serving in every position. As a mother of a child with a disability, I also served as Elsie Rogers Parent Forum Representative. Outside of school, as a Realtor, I promote the PHM school district on a daily basis. I know the value of PHM. I am dedicated to the concept of a public education for all, and I believe the strength of a school district further strengthens the community. I have had clients move across the country to be in the PHM School District, paying \$25,000 above market price to be in this district. Furthermore, my previous job as a social worker has provided me with skills to be an effective representative on the school board for our parents. As a social worker, I learned to fine-tune my ability to listen, empathize, goal set, keep informed, respect differing opinions and stay open minded. Those skills have served me well throughout my life, and I look forward to bringing them to this leadership role here at PHM. I truly believe in the standards set forth by the Indiana School Boards Association and would do my very best to uphold them. I pledge to honor the high responsibility that membership demands; demonstrate respectful relationships with other Board members; maintain desirable relations with Dr. Jerry Thacker and other PHM employees; and maintain a commitment to our community. I will ALWAYS think about each one of our children FIRST. As stated in the Governance Compact, I will strive to promote and keep accountable PHM's Triangle of Success and the goal of Excellence in Education. I wholeheartedly agree with the Board Governance Compact that

learning is the priority of our schools; executing a balanced budget ensures the resources needed to monitor student learning progress; and fostering positive public relations and creating an inviting climate in our schools are important. I have made it a point to attend board meetings over the last year, because I feel it is imperative that parents stay part of the conversation surrounding our children's futures here at PHM. I am dedicated to playing a greater role to make sure these parents' voices are heard. I hope you will allow me the opportunity to serve them as a fellow board member.

Thank you so much for this opportunity.

Mrs. Ashley Leader





ASHLEY LEADER

ABOUT ME

I am a mother of 4 amazing kids, a wife of a firefighter, and a licensed Indiana & Michigan Realtor. I demonstrate strengths in program planning and organization. I am a dependable, orderly, and logical professional with outstanding communication, time management, and critical thinking skills. Commitment and dedication are high priority. Integrity and hard work are of utmost importance.

WORK HISTORY

Domestic Engineer 2003–P

Leader Household

Responsibilities include: cooking, cleaning, chauffeuring, scheduling, budgeting, shopping, secretary, organizing, launderer, finance manager and to love immensely four kids and firefighter husband.

Realtor (licensed in IN & MI) 2016–P

Inspired Homes

Responsibilities include: assisting buyers and sellers with the purchase or selling of a residence. Top producer in 2020 with highest volume and sales.

Homestudy Coordinator 2015–P

America World Adoption

Responsibilities include: compiling information for the approval of a potential forever family for an international adoption agency by completing multiple home visits and post adoption consults.

Ambassador 2015–2017

Noonday Collection

Responsibilities included: adoption fundraising, educating others about dignified work, fair trade, and sustainability in third world countries among women and children.

Emergency Services Triage 2007–2010

Madison Center, So. Bend, IN

Responsibilities included: completing triage mental health risk assessment counseling in order for patients to either be admitted to the hospital or receive community treatment.

Caseworker 2000–2003

Midtown Mental Health, Indianapolis, IN

Responsibilities included: assisting 400 mentally challenged adults in treatment, basic needs, and independent living skills, working alongside Psychiatrists. Leading community resource trainings for other professionals.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Elsie Rogers PTO Treasurer, V. President, and President** for a total of 5 yrs as well as room parent and Forum Rep.
- **Southgate Church-** coordinator of boys program, nursery curriculum team, children's church curriculum creative team (2007–2013)
- **Realtor with highest volume, referrals, sales for Inspired Homes (2020)**
- **Realtor with highest increase % in sales (2019)**
- **Top 15% of area Realtors in sales with Homesnap (2021)**
- **Realtor of the year** for Inspired Homes (2020)

CONTACT



EDUCATION

Union University
Bachelor of Science in
Social Work

Minor: Human Services

Jackson, TN

Graduation: May 2000