

Hi, my name is Diane LaVada-Blackwood, and I am seeking a seat on Mayfield Central School District's Board of Education. I grew up in Mayfield and graduated from Mayfield Jr/Sr High School in 1988. I have lived in the district since I was 7 years old and currently live on Phelps Street with my husband and two of our daughters. I have an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Accounting from Fulton Montgomery Community College and have worked in the accounting field for over 30 years. I currently work for Fulton County Department of Highways and Facilities as a Sr. Account Clerk.

I have been an active parent involved in the school for 28 years as four of our seven children have graduated from Mayfield, and our youngest is currently a student in the Jr High. Through the years, I have been involved in the PTA helping with Halloween Bashes, Spring Fling Dances, Santa Breakfasts as well as many other PTA projects. I have also coached for several years with the Mayfield Youth Soccer Program and Mayfield Community Softball League and have also coached Mayfield students at Gloversville Little League and Broadalbin-Perth Youth Commission. More recently, I have been actively involved in fundraising for the Mayfield Music Program.

I have always believed the saying "It takes a village to raise a child" and am proud to have the Mayfield Community as our "village." As your school board member, I will work towards making sure policies are fair and reasonable. I will assist in providing better communication between the School Board and teachers, parents, and the community. No concern is too small. But most of all, I will work to assure that we, Mayfield CSD, provide our children with the ability to become successful adults.

Thank you for your time. I would sincerely appreciate your vote on May 16th 2023.

Respectively,

Diane LaVada-Blackwood