

Patrick Leo

Mayfield CSD Candidate Biography

My name is Patrick Leo and I am seeking a position on the Mayfield CSD Board of Education. If you are reading this you likely want to know 3 things: who I am, why am I running for the Board, and what makes me worthy of your vote?

Who I am:

First and foremost I am a loving father to two young Mayfield students, Marcus, 11, and Anna, 8, and a devoted husband to an extraordinary mother and former high school math teacher, Heather. I earned a bachelor's degree with Honors from Union College in Biology and Philosophy and went on to obtain a software engineering certification. While working full time, I also pursued graduate studies at Johns Hopkins University. For 19 years I have worked as an Air Traffic Control Systems Engineer for Lockheed Martin and now Leidos Corporation in a number of leadership capacities including overseeing a large group of engineers on a 2.1 billion dollar government contract. This has included experience in proposal, contracts, and financial oversight, as well as the ability to drive projects to completion. In these roles I have found that I thrive in smaller, collaborative working groups very similar to the Board of Education. Outside of work, I also coach Marcus's spring and fall baseball team and am an active, charter member of the Nathan Littauer Patient Family Advisory Council.

Why am I running:

My number one priority is the safety of our children. In the wake of so many school disasters, we need to be hypervigilant in our management of policies and procedures for preventing and, if need be, thwarting a school disaster. My second priority is a commitment to stand up and provide for those we entrust with every aspect of our children's overall well-being, our teachers and school staff. Lastly, I believe school board members have an enormous fiscal responsibility to carefully examine where and when money is spent and to ensure that the citizens of the district are getting the most value for their hard earned tax-payer dollars.

I do firmly believe that Mayfield is the best school system in the area as evidenced by a choice my family made 6 years ago to move back to this area and settle in the Mayfield District. It is my goal to make it even better.

What makes me worthy of your vote?

Maintaining Mayfield's reputation and scholastic excellence is of paramount importance to me and with the skills that I have been fortunate enough to obtain through education and my career, I believe that I can make a real difference on the Board. I firmly believe that we have an obligation, as members of our community, to give our time in public service and, in particular, focus on activities that better our children. I am honored to be a candidate and regardless of election outcome will continue to support Mayfield's amazing children and teachers.