



Alyssa Dennison is a 2006 graduate of Williams High School. She aspires to give back to the school community that served her so well. Her high school experiences prepared her well for post-secondary education at Northern Arizona University. Ms. Dennison graduated from NAU in 2010. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in criminology and criminal justice. She also minored in Journalism. Upon graduation, Ms. Dennison earned a position working with at-risk youth at the Coconino County Juvenile Courts Center and is still currently employed with that organization. Ms. Dennison aspires to continue serving on the Williams Unified School Board and by retaining her seat this November.

During her last term, Ms. Dennison learned that serving on the school board is one of the most challenging yet rewarding jobs that can be given to a community member. It is one that requires trust, transparency, effective listening, and an ability to communicate. It is a role that comes with a high level of responsibility for making decisions that will put kids in the best positions to succeed. An effective board member must be knowledgeable of the law and have the wherewithal to make rational and responsible decisions supported by policy. She must be able to connect with community members in an honest and approachable manner, act with integrity at all times, and be willing to dedicate the time and energy needed to serve in this important capacity. Alyssa Dennison has made that commitment.

The work that Ms. Dennison does serving at-risk youth in Coconino County and the community of Williams makes her well suited to make decisions on what is best for the well-being of students academically, emotionally, and socially. With Ms. Dennison on the school board, the community will get an educational partner that listens, advocates for students and staff, and continuously seeks out ways to familiarize herself with governing board policy and educational law. She has attended numerous board professional development opportunities as made available by the Arizona School Board Association. She takes the role seriously and acts on the best interest of the district.

Ms. Dennison represents a demographic that otherwise would not be present on the Williams Unified School District Board. As the only young female professional currently serving on the board, she brings to the table important perspectives and insights that are essential for the board to effectively serve its diverse community. Ms. Dennison is ready and prepared to renew her commitment to Williams Unified School District and the youth that it serves. She will do her best to maintain high expectations for students, support all staff and administration, and work collaboratively as a team to make Williams Unified Schools the best it can be.