



I know many of you, but for those of you that I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, my name is Glenna Christiansen. Nearly a decade ago, my husband, Kyle, and I bought our first house here in Williams, AZ. Since that time we have put down our roots and made Williams our home. We are the proud parents of five children. My children are enrolled in the Williams Unified School District and attend classes from the elementary grade levels on into high school. I know and understand the concerns that parents face today. I share first hand empathy with your feelings.

As my children are being educated, I have chosen to immerse myself in school issues. I have frequently volunteered and provided a helping hand when needed. I am passionate about the role education plays in the future of us all. Subsequently, I have functioned, not only in our school system, but as a community children's and youth leader as well. I have valuable skills to offer to help our district face challenges relating to personnel issues, budget constraints as well as curriculum enchantments and technology advances. I am acutely aware of and fully understand the value and need for extracurricular activities and other programs to provide opportunities for our children. As a concerned and involved parent, my voice will help ensure a brighter future for our youth and the community of Williams as a whole.

I was disappointed, and I believe everyone in our community was as well, to learn of our school district's recent down-grade in its state assigned letter grade. This was particularly discouraging because I know that the abilities, skills and potential of the personnel in Williams Unified School District are greater than this down-grade indicates. I believe in the children of Williams. I believe in the teachers and administrators of Williams. I believe in the citizens of Williams.

Together, I know that we can achieve the mission of the school district which is "To place each child in the best position to succeed academically, emotionally, physically and socially." Our community deserves thoughtful representation and strong leadership. As a School Board member, I will bring this strong leadership and fresh ideas to collaborate with school and community members as we strive for the finest educational outcomes of our children.

I would like to elicit your support so that I can bring my passion, perspective and tenacity to the school board of Williams Unified School District. I am committed to asking the tough questions, expecting answers and making sure there are workable solutions. I will work diligently to put our community on a course which will help parents, teachers, students and other residents achieve a more efficient, progressive and excellent educational system.

Thank you,
Glenna Christiansen