

Candidate Statement for Voters' Pamphlet

Required Information

Candidate Name: Dr. Shawn Farrens

Total maximum of 325 hand counted typewritten words/numbers for the combined 'Required' and 'Optional Information', excluding the bold headings already printed on this form. All sections of the 'Required Information' must be completed. If there is not relevant information for a required section, the word "None" should be inserted.

Occupation (present paid or unpaid employment):

Principal/Director of HR, Baker Charter Schools

Occupational Background (any previous paid or unpaid employment):

Special Education Teacher, Gresham-Barlow School District

Educational Background (relevant school(s) attended):

Name of School	Educational Study - Major/Minor	Diploma/Degree/Certificate
Walden University	Administrator Leadership	EdD
University of Portland		SPED Endorsement/Ac;
Concordia University- F.	Elementary Education	MAT
Hope International Uni.	Youth Ministry	BA

Prior Governmental Experience (elected or appointed):

Director, GBSD School Board
 MESD Budget Committee Member
 U.S. Army

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Optional Information

Attach a separate sheet with your 'Optional Information'. **Remember: both your 'Required' and 'Optional Information' count toward the 325 word limit (excluding required information headings).**

Candidate checklist for 'JCVP-01 Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Candidate Statement' information:

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'Required Information':

- Occupation
- Occupational Background
- Educational Background
- Prior Governmental Experience

(Optional) 'Optional Information'

- (Optional) Portrait
- (If applicable) JCVP-02 Endorsement Statement #: _____
- Fee/Petition Provided
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Name:

Dr. Shawn Farrens

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Our students, families, and teachers need more support than ever, and they deserve both an advocate who understands their experiences and an engaged and proven educational leader who can serve them. As a dad and long-time community member, I understand the challenges our students and families are facing. As a professional educator, I understand how to meet those challenges with collaborative solutions.

I have dedicated my professional life to creating opportunities for all kids to succeed in education: from my time as an educational assistant, school bus driver, to my work as a special education classroom teacher, as a school administrator, and as a director on the Gresham-Barlow School Board.

In my short time on the board, I have been proud to be part of:

- Overseeing the full return of students to their classrooms out of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Approving the construction of a Student Health Center that can meet the needs of our most vulnerable students
- Expanding student and family educational choice within the district

And I look forward to leading the district to:

- Enhanced extra- and co-curricular activity for our students
- Expanding Career and Technical Education options
- Closing the achievement gap, especially the gap that was created due to the learning loss during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Dr. Farrens is an engaged, thoughtful, and effective leader. He is exactly the director we need to lead the district forward.” – Blake Petersen GBSD Board

Endorsements:

Bess R. Wills, Business Owner

Craig Spinks, Owner Craig Spinks Nursery

Greg Eisenzimmer, Cascade Athletic Clubs

Tom Johnson, Barlow Boys Basketball

Cathy Keathley, GBSD Board

Holly Riegelmann, GBSD Board

Blake Petersen, GBSD Board