

**Statement of Candidate for
Area 2, Board of Education Trustee
San Rafael City Schools**



Name: Lisa Longnecker

Occupation: Mom, Business Owner & Meditation Teacher

Being a responsible parent often equates to being an activist. My child was in high school before I realized how much things have changed for the worse since I graduated. Many children and youths are unhappy at school, have checked out of the joy in life, and care little for what life path they choose after graduation. This is a tragedy, and must be addressed. Our children are our future, and we are failing them. Student stress is at an all time high. What has gone wrong? A deep look into this is required. Areas around inclusion, mental health and graduation requirements vs following one's inspiration must be balanced and improved. Solutions must come from honest dialogue, and must prioritize parental input over in-box thinking. It is time to elevate the conversation.

Kindness, inclusion and the Golden Rule are a good starting point for appropriate discussion.

As a long term Marin county resident, a mom, a business owner and a teacher of Art of Living SKY Breath Meditation, I bring an abundance of energy and fresh ideas, and a willingness to work toward meaningful solutions.

Thank you for your support!

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