DOWN HOME NORTH CAROLINA

Megan (Chayyim) Kornhauser
Board Of Education District 4

BIOGRAPHY/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Bio:
Megan (Chayyim) Kornhauser is a lifelong Watauga County resident, Watauga County Schools graduate, and Appalachian State University graduate. She holds master's degrees in History and Educational Leadership and currently works in disability resources in higher education and as an adjunct humanities instructor. Her parents also worked in Watauga schools—her father as a school resource officer and her mother as an elementary school teacher assistant.

Why she's running:
Megan is running to bring her experience as a former Watauga student, educator, and higher-education professional to the Board of Education. She wants to make sure students have the resources they need to succeed and that teachers and school staff are supported. She also believes the school board should listen directly to students, families, teachers, and the broader community when making decisions.

Invest in Teacher & Staff:	• Make attracting and retaining high-quality teachers and school personnel her top priority, including addressing wages and professional development.
Fully Fund Public Schools:	• Advocate for increased state funding and protect public-school resources from cuts and diversion to private-school vouchers.
Student Success & Basic Needs:	• Support food assistance, mental-health care, after-school programs, updated textbooks, safe buildings, classroom supplies, and other resources students need to learn.
Career & Practical Education:	• Strengthen Career and Technical Education and make sure students have opportunities to develop practical skills for future employment.
Literacy & Academic Achievement:	• Address students falling behind academically, including improving reading proficiency and providing learning supports and accommodations.
Inclusive Schools:	• Oppose banning books featuring LGBTQ+ people and other marginalized communities, while supporting age-appropriate materials and opportunities for students to see themselves and others represented.
Community & Student Voice:	• Increase engagement with families, teachers, students, and residents without children in the school system so more people have a voice in local education decisions.
Support Rural Schools:	• Address the particular challenges facing District 4 schools, including Green Valley, Cove Creek, and Mabel, where more than half of students receive free or reduced-price lunches.