

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR**

**NEWCASTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Name: JOHN MCCALL**

**Age: 41**

**Occupation: Chief Engineer/Parent**

**Education and Qualifications:**

As a parent and community member, I want Newcastle students to have the best primary school experience possible. Giving our children a high quality education is one of the most important things we can do. It's also essential to support our schools' excellent teachers and staff, who have done a wonderful job through an exceptionally difficult couple of years.

I believe that a well-rounded education requires not only depth in core areas like STEM, but also breadth in the humanities, arts, and experiential learning. I will advocate for in-school enrichment, including bringing a full music program back to Newcastle, and in the meantime I will be volunteering in the classroom as a Music Docent this year.

I have lived in Newcastle for four years and have two children enrolled at Newcastle Elementary. I hold a Bachelor of Engineering degree from Dartmouth College, with a minor in music. I volunteer with children and youth in several capacities including Cub Scouts and Destination Imagination.

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**Name: SARAH GILLMORE**

**Age: 44**

**Occupation: Mother of three, Civil Engineer**

**Education and Qualifications:**

My name is Sarah Gillmore. I am a mother of three and all of my kiddos attend, or attended, Newcastle Elementary School. I was born and raised in Placer County and love living in Newcastle. My experience includes eleven years on the board, overseeing a multi-year modernization project, and weathering the pandemic years. My career experience in public and private industry places me in an excellent position to help guide the school through thick and thin.. I am a thoughtful, deliberate, and reasoned person with a deep interest in serving my community and ensuring a quality education for our children.

If elected to the School Board, my priorities will be to focus on learning and achievement for all students, recognize the diversity of views in the community, support teachers and staff, and to govern in a professional manner with trust and integrity. I believe that the school board must represent a variety of values, beliefs, and priorities, and above all must ensure accountability.

I believe schools are the most essential part of the community, and I would be humbled to have the opportunity to serve our kids and families. Thank you.