

## Vanguard Classical School – East Campus Parent Board Director Candidate Statement

To VCS Board Directors, Staff, Teachers, Students, and Parents of VCS:

My name is Fawn Spacke, and I am asking for your consideration to represent the parent community at VCS – East Campus for Parent Board Director. Although this is my family's first year attending VCS, we are no strangers to charter schools.

Charter schools have proven an invaluable asset to our family and the growth of our children. Having the ability to focus on individual learning capabilities and catering to them has helped both of my children flourish, and I am ever grateful for this.

Even though this is our first year at VCS, I have built relationships with several staff members and teachers throughout. I know that this is the school I want my family to attend, to help, and to grow community within.

I believe in the mission statement of VCS: *".. to facilitate optimal individual academic achievement and character development through a rigorous, content-rich, inclusive learning environment."* and what it means for us and for those that attend VCS in good faith. It means to ensure each student will have a knowledge of the past that can be applied to the future, to understand ourselves and grow past our grievances, and strive for a better future for ourselves, our community, and the world at-large. If we have a better understanding of how we got here, we have a greater ability to change where we are going.

I feel VCS has the right idea, tempo, and plan in place to achieve these very goals, and I want to help it continue to grow, both from within and from with-out.

I have lived in Aurora all of my life, and attended Rangeview High School. My husband and I met in high school and married shortly after my senior year. Our first child was born in December 2004, and we have strived to better ourselves to keep his, and now our other children's, future bright. After working typical teenage jobs, I was able to gain a position working for a local collection agency in their legal department. I gained vital knowledge here, and was able to apply for a similar position at a law firm, where I

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worked from 2006-2009. After the economic downturn of 2008, our office merged with another in the area, and I, along with others, were let go in the merger.

It was then I started my own small collections firm: HR Enterprises, L.L.C. I strived for a successful business and all it entails, while still being main caretaker for our family. After my third child was born in 2016, it became apparent that I needed to stay home to fully care for my family. HR Enterprises, L.L.C. was closed in December 2017, and I have been a stay-at-home mom since.

Through my experiences, I have gained understanding of the practicalities it takes to run a business. As a parent, I intimately know what is needed for our children to succeed. I hope to satisfy and fulfill both these needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Fawn Spacke