

School Board Elections are November 4, 2025. Chris “Skip” Child from District #2 is running unopposed. Stephanie Lehs is running against Incumbent Caleb Baker for Director at Large.

MEET THE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

Chris Child

Could you tell us a little bit about yourself and your connections with West Central Schools?

I am an IT professional who has lived in the community for the past 21 years. During that time, my children attended West Central Schools for most of those years, allowing me to stay closely connected and involved with the district and its community. In addition, I am an Eagle Scout and previously served as the leader of the local Maynard troop before assisting with the West Union troop when our boys transitioned there.



What do you see as the most pressing challenge facing our district in the next 3–5 years, and how would you address it?

One of the most pressing challenges for West Central over the next few years will be expanding opportunities for our students. West Central is a wonderful school, but it offers a limited range of programs compared to larger districts. I would like to see us explore and introduce more educational and career-focused programs that expose students to a wider variety of fields and experiences—helping them discover interests and pathways they may not have otherwise considered.

How will you balance fiscal responsibility with the need to invest in quality teachers, facilities, and student programs?

While I wish there were a simple answer to this challenge, I recognize that, like many small public schools, we are continually striving to find the right balance. Fiscal responsibility is essential, but so is investing in our teachers, facilities, and student programs. I believe the best approach is through transparency and collaboration, to input from the community, parents, and staff to make informed decisions that reflect our shared priorities and ensure long-term sustainability.

How will you ensure that all students—regardless of background or ability—receive a high-quality education?

I believe ensuring a high-quality education for all students begins with holding everyone—administration, teachers, staff, and parents—to high standards. Every child, regardless of background or ability, deserves consistent support and high expectations. By fostering accountability, promoting communication among families and educators, and providing the necessary resources and training, we can create an environment where every student can succeed.

How do you plan to engage with parents, staff, and the broader community to ensure transparency and trust in board decisions?

I am always open and willing to discuss issues and listen to concerns from parents, staff, and community members. Open communication is key to building trust and transparency. At the same time, it's important to remember that board decisions are made collectively, with input from all members and in the best interest of the district. My goal is to ensure that every voice feels heard and respected throughout that process.