## **About Me: Gabbie Richards**

Hello! My name is Gabbie Richards and I am seeking re-election for the North Tonawanda School Board. I have lived in North Tonawanda my whole life and went through the NT school system.

I am currently very involved in my role as a school board member. I, of course, attend the regular meetings but I am also on the Audit Committee and the Wellness Committee. I work collaboratively with the other school board members to further the district's progress. I attend school events and I also have a student from the Work Based Learning program intern at my business.

In my personal life, I am a wife and a mother and also a small business owner. My family and my business take up most of my time but in my remaining spare time, I am the vice president of the Oliver Street Merchants Association and an active member of Project Pride. Both of these associations work (separately and together) to beautify the city. I also pick up other volunteer opportunities as my schedule allows.

For my educational background, I attended University at Buffalo and completed my master's degree and two bachelor's degrees. I believe that a well-educated community benefits us all, and that every single person goes down a different life path - whether that be a traditional college path, vocational school, or the new work-based learning program being cultivated by the school district.

I am not a fly-by-night candidate. I am happy to dedicate my time to the school district and this community and I take that responsibility seriously. With my love for volunteering, my experience, and my overall motivation in life, I do feel like I am an ideal candidate and hope you consider voting for me on May 17th!