

## Dr. Carol Haden



I first became involved in the FUSD community when my oldest son started at the Flagstaff Cooperative Preschool housed in Marshall Elementary. We loved the welcoming atmosphere at Marshall and the emphasis on multi-age education and enrolled him there for kindergarten. Now many years later he has graduated from Coconino High School and our younger son is at Flagstaff High. We are grateful to have had a myriad of opportunities for our sons through FUSD including the Alpine Leadership Academy at MEMS and the AP Academy at FHS.

When a seat on the Governing Board came open in the spring, I felt that it would be an opportunity to give back to the community and to share my expertise from years as a classroom teacher and an educational researcher. As a new board member, I have gained an even deeper understanding of the successes we can celebrate and the challenges we face as a district. I continue to learn from my colleagues on the board, and from the teachers, staff and administrators in the district.

Strong public schools are the backbone of any community and as a Governing Board member my vision is that all students have the opportunity to reach their full potential. My background as a researcher has shown me the power of using data to understand where we are on target and where we need to focus our efforts at improvement. I will continue to advocate for student success through promoting and supporting excellence in teaching, communicating high expectations, and providing students with the programs and services they need to meet those expectations.