

Jodi Fargis-BOD (2-year-term) Parent Member Seat Nominee



1. What interests you most about serving on the River Mill Academy Board of Directors?

Over the past 12 years as a parent at River Mill Academy, I've had the opportunity to watch the school from the sidelines while my daughter has experienced every stage of the school and is now a senior. Along the way, I've formed opinions and ideas about ways the school could continue to grow and improve, but I haven't always had the opportunity to share them. Serving on the board feels like the right next step. I care deeply about the success of River Mill, and I'm at a point where I'd like to share my perspective and contribute in a meaningful way.

2. How do you see your role contributing to the school's mission and long-term success?

While I have a daughter graduating this year, I also have two daughters in 7th grade and one in 3rd grade. That gives me a unique perspective across all stages of the River Mill experience. I have been through it once and will be walking through it all again with my younger kids. As a parent who is still very much invested in the future of the school, I want to be part of helping it continue to grow and succeed. Being on the board is a way for me to actively support that and help create the best possible experience for all students.

3. What professional or personal experience would you bring to the Board?

I've worked at Piedmont Electric Cooperative in Hillsborough for 18 years, where I've gained strong experience in communication, problem solving, and working with people to find solutions. My role requires me to balance different perspectives and help improve processes, which I believe would be valuable on the board.

I also serve on the board of directors for the Mountain View Ruritan Club, where I've been involved in decision making and supporting the community. That experience has helped me understand how to work as part of a team to move an organization forward.

4. What do you believe are the primary responsibilities of a Board of Directors?

I believe the board's main responsibility is to always act in the best interests of the school. That means supporting the school's mission, making thoughtful decisions, and helping guide the school toward long term success.

It's also about making sure the environment is safe and supportive for students, teachers and families. A strong board should care about the growth of the school as a whole and the success of every student who walks through the doors.