## **Bart Pemberton**

## Catalina Foothills Unified School District No. 16



My wife and I have lived in CFSD for 25 years and all of our children have attended school in the district. I am small business owner of a private optometry (eye doctor) practice, a practice that has been in Tucson for over 30 years.

I'm a product of public school education from elementary school all the way through undergraduate and graduate/professional school. My wife and I have been active parents with the schools our children have attended in the district since they started

kindergarten. I was a member of the School Site council at Manzanita Elementary School and actively involved with the Family Faculty Organization (FFO) at the same school (Chairman of Handy Helpers Committee). I'm Past President of the AZ Optometric Association, a long-time volunteer at a local church, and I have served the community as a part of the Knights of Columbus. I am also the Scoutmaster for a local Boy Scout Troop.

Over the past two years, we've seen a school board more focused on politics and mandates than on education, more focused on teaching students what to think rather than how to think.

We've seen a school board that looks at parents as obstacles to be overcome rather than partners in achieving the best academic results possible for their children.

- 45% of all CFSD children are not proficient in math\*
- 37% of all CFSD children are not proficient in reading\*
- 48% of CFSD High School children are not proficient in math\*
- 46% of CFSD High School children are not proficient in reading\*

I and two other candidates, Bill Morgan and Grace Jasin, will change that if elected.

We will prioritize reading, writing, math, civics, science, and the arts. Not politics.

We will prioritize the education of the whole child, and we will collaborate with parents to meet the needs of their children in school.

We will focus on results, not rhetoric. We will focus on curriculum transparency, not curriculum secrecy.

We will focus on the health and well-being of all the students, and that means proper school security and keeping parents informed of their children's performance and behavior in the classroom.

Let's Fix This!

Vote for Dr. Bart Pemberton, Dr. Grace Jasin, and William Morgan. For more info, go to https://btb.school.

<sup>\*</sup>Source: AZ Department of Education