

BETH OPPENHEIMER

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Beth Oppenheimer is a leading advocate for quality education in Idaho. For decades, she's worked across the spectrum of the education continuum, and is eager to apply her skills, passion and knowledge to support the students, teachers and families that make Boise Schools so special.

"As a Boise School Board Trustee, I will listen to families, learn from our educators and be committed to advancing opportunities for *all* students, educators and families throughout Boise," said Beth. "I will work in partnership with the Superintendent and fellow Trustees to make thoughtful decisions to address the increasing demands on the budget, Boise's growing population and the continued challenge of balancing assessments with student achievements. It is our responsibility to look toward the future and work together to help prepare our students for life beyond school."

Since 2010, Beth has served as the executive director of the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC), a non-profit organization that works to promote quality early childhood education across the state. At Idaho AEYC, Beth manages a multi-million dollar budget and a staff of 23. She directs policy initiatives for the organization, regularly testifies before both Legislative Education Committees and has been involved in policy discussions relating to improving the quality of Idaho's education system for years. At a local level, she spearheaded the effort to improve childcare licensing standards in Boise to ensure children have access to safe and healthy environments.

Beth also serves in leadership positions with a number of other organizations that work to promote and improve education across the Treasure Valley and the State of Idaho. These include serving as a member of the Core Leadership Team of the Treasure Valley Education Partnership, the Idaho Early Childhood Coordinating Council, Education Vision Council for the United Way of the Treasure Valley (Chair), Board of Directors and the Child Development Advisory Committee for the YMCA of the Treasure Valley.

Prior to working with Idaho AEYC, Beth worked with both the University of Idaho and Boise State University. During her six years at Boise State, she served as the Associate Director of the Student Union. Under the Division of Student Affairs, she worked directly with student employees to mentor and help students balance the rigors of their academic career, work and family. Previously, Beth worked with Junior Achievement in Washington, D.C., where she worked collaboratively with K-12 schools serving low-income children to promote students' financial literacy.

“I have devoted my career to ensuring children have access to quality, appropriate, and well-rounded learning environments. Through my experiences, I have a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and needs our students face across the educational system. I would be honored if the voters of Boise gave me the opportunity to serve our community, students, teachers and administrators and build upon the Boise School District’s legacy of excellence.”

Beth and her husband, Jonathan, are the parents of two daughters in the Boise School District who currently attend Liberty Elementary and East Junior High.