

Andrew Grinchishin

My name is Andrew Grinchishin and I am running for the Grand Island School Board. I am a first-generation Ukrainian-American and a lifelong Grand Islander. I graduated from Grand Island High School in 2014. My wife Mariya and I purchased our first home on Countryside Lane, I have an 8-month-old son (Nathan) and we are now taxpayers in our school district!

Working with youth has been a priority of mine for quite some time. I am a deacon and youth pastor at Living Hope Fellowship, a church located right over the South Grand Island Bridge in Tonawanda. I have taught Sunday School, organized youth trips and counseled young people for many years prior to my decision to run for school board.

I am running for a seat on the Grand Island School Board to promote continuity of education in our school district and to ensure that in our post-COVID world our students can fully return to normalcy.

Transparency is a trait of utmost importance when dealing with hard-earned taxpayer dollars. As a school board member, I pledge to always be available to answer your questions about where our taxpayer dollars are being spent. I promise to always be a good steward of the money we pay to keep Grand Island Schools up and running. Currently, I am involved in managing the budget for both my family business and church.

As a school board member, I am interested to hear what each shareholder in our district has to say. Parents deserve to be heard in matters relating to the education of their children. Teachers need to be supported in their classrooms. Every shareholder in our district, teachers and parents, should have a voice and a say in the matters affecting Grand Island's schools.

Our School Board needs a fresh set of eyes and ideas. I love Grand Island and I think our schools are very good, but I think the communication and link to the community is broken. I ask for your vote, and I look forward to serving our community and our students as a Grand Island School Board Trustee.

PLEASE VOTE at the Grand Island High School on **Tuesday, May 16th**. Any Grand Island resident who is 18 years old or older is eligible to vote. You do not have to be a registered voter!

