## **5 CRITICAL FACTS YOU NEED TO** KNOW ABOUT THE RECALL ELECTION

### RECALL MISINFORMATION



"This is a non-political, grassroots effort by concerned parents"





There is a national movement to politicize school boards.

Source: Associated Press; 8/31/21: "Tea Party 2.0? Conservatives Get Organized In School Battles" (Mequon is highlighted)



"Tax levy increased by 21% between 2016-2021"



The schools' operating tax levy is set by the state. Even with 2 voter-approved capital project referendums, the average annual increase was only 1.8% over the past decade.

**Source:** MTSD: https://www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/departments/ business-office/budget-finance



"Academics are spiraling downhill and MTSD's current state ranking is #142"



MTSD is ranked #2 in the state of Wisconsin.

**Source: WI DPI:** https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/



"MTSD equity policies are CRT in practice"



**CRT** is not in the curriculum of any course in MTSD. Furthermore, no one is proposing that the school district add CRT into the curriculum of any course.

Source: MTSD Superintendent Dr. Matthew Joynt; July 26, 2021



"The MTSD Board has surrendered their decisionmaking power to the superintendent"



MTSD School Board is a governance board, a best practice that focuses on highlevel policy, not operations.

Source: Center for Public Education/National **Association of School Boards:** Eight Characteristics of Effective School Boards. https://nsba.org/

### **SUPPORT INTEGRITY. SUPPORT QUALITY.**

It's about education, NOT political power. Recalling our current elected board members would be detrimental to the well-being and success of our schools, our children, and our city and village.

- MTSD is presently and historically one of the most successful school districts in the state of Wisconsin.
- Our elected members are intelligent and talented members of the community who care deeply for the schools and our children.
- Like most effective School Boards, MTSD members are not elected to make day-to-day decisions for the schools. They create high-level policies that are made actionable and implemented by the experts they appoint: the superintendent of schools and their teachers and staff.
- If a person has signed a Recall Petition(s), it is understandable; the Recall group led an aggressive campaign with an armful of misinformation made to look like facts.

# Vote NOVEMBER 2, 2021 to SUPPORT the Mequon-Thiensville School District and re-elect the four duly elected Board Members:



#### Erik Hollander

Erik was elected to the board in 2020. He is an Assistant Professor of Business and Director of Strategic Growth and Business Development for CUW. He has a

BS in Business Management; an MBA, and a doctorate of Education in Organizational Change and Leadership.

Erik has served the district in a variety of volunteer capacities. He and his wife, an MTSD teacher, moved to the M-T area in 2016 and have two boys in the district.



#### **Akram Khan**

Elected to the board in 2019, Akram brings 27 years of business and entrepreneurial experience. As a director of instruction at Kumon Math & Reading Tutoring Center in

Mequon, he has been helping students ages 3 and up unlock their academic potential for the past 11 years.

Akram and his wife are longtime residents of Mequon and have two young children in the district at Wilson and Steffen.



#### Chris Schultz

Chris brings the collborative perspective of an educator to the board, having served the district as a teacher for 17 years. She has a masters degree in chemistry

along with her teaching certifications.

Chris and her husband, a Homestead alumnus, moved to Mequon in 2002. Her family is made up of three adult children and two grandchildren.



#### **Wendy Francour**

In addition to 35 years of business experience, Wendy has been a board member since 2014 and has served the district for over 20 years, working in advisory and operational

bodies, PTO leadership, and fundraising.

Wendy and her family have lived in Mequon since 1989. Her daughter attended MTSD schools from kindergarten through graduating high school.