

Jones vying for school board seat

Suzanne Jones is passionate about making the Germantown School Board a strong voice for the Germantown community. Suzanne has three sons who attend three Germantown Municipal School District (GMSD) Schools. Eight years ago, Suzanne paused her career to devote more time to her family, bringing the same enthusiasm and

sense of purpose she demonstrated in business to her work with local PTAs and Germantown Schools to provide a better environment for students. This



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experience ignited her passion to run for Germantown School Board Position 3.

Suzanne has 20 years of business experience beginning as a Certified Public Accountant at Price Waterhouse and ending as a Senior Vice President at Bank of America. Suzanne brings deep business experience, management skills and the drive necessary to tackle complex projects. She will ensure that critical decisions will involve the entire community and leverage the knowledge and skillsets that exist within our community. As a Board member, Suzanne will focus on her keys to excellence which are hiring and retaining excellent teachers, strengthening trust with the community, and ensuring a Germantown education is second to none.

Suzanne believes that for Ger-

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mantown to have a premier school system parents should be consulted and the School Board should take a strong stand in the interests of our schools and our children. A strong School Board will not only help give our children the future they deserve, but can also enhance property values. A strong School Board is important to every Germantown resident, whether they have school age children or not.

GMSD has a \$50 million budget and 500 employees; it is one of the largest businesses and employers in Shelby County. GMSD is faced with several critical decisions,

building a new school, hiring teachers for this school, continuing the negotiations with Shelby County Schools for our legacy schools, and making sure GMSD and its teachers have the facilities and technology to provide the best education possible. It is extremely important that GMSD has a Board member with extensive business and financial experience to provide input and guidance on key matters.

To get to the best decisions, there will be some tough challenging conversations. Suzanne's ability to build a collaborative environment and bring people together will be a great asset to the GMSD School Board. The success of Suzanne's 20 year business career and her

PTA leadership has been her ability to execute, whether it was bringing two Fortune 500 companies together or bringing the Scholastic Book Fair back to Dogwood. Suzanne's business experience and inclusive decision-making offers the leadership and collaborative spirit that will strengthen the GMSD School Board to meet the important challenges that lie ahead.

Germantown has an incredible asset in its children and in its neighborhood schools. Suzanne is committed to working for them and achieving Excellence in our District. She asks for your vote for Position 3 of the Germantown School Board.

You can read more about Suzanne at her website www.suzanneforschools.com.

A run in the park

On October 4, Briarcrest cross country participated in a WTCCL All Comers meet at Shelby Farms. Pictured leads a group of runners.

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