



## **BRIANNE GOERTZEN**

### **Ward 3 Trustee**

Brianne Goertzen works as the provincial director with the Manitoba Health Coalition, and is a strong advocate for robust public services and programming. Previously, she worked as the Manitoba organizer with the Canadian Federation of Students, where she advocated for accessible, affordable, and high-quality post-secondary education.

First elected as an RETSD trustee in a byelection in June 2016, she is thrilled to be an advocate for the over 16,000 K–12 students in the division, as well.

Brianne believes that the success of our children is dependent on an education system that creates a strong foundation. And that foundation is built by providing the very best education possible.

She holds a master of arts in sociology, and her academic work focused on public policy development and analysis. She believes her education and experience can help the division build on what it already has accomplished, and feels it is her civic responsibility to give back to the community where she, her husband, and son have made their home.

She is a dedicated community volunteer, serving on several community boards. And she loves working in collaboration with her fellow trustees toward their common goal of an exceptional education system that is not only fiscally responsible but fulfils its duty to prepare students for the future.

She holds communication with her residents as a top priority in her capacity as trustee. She believes effective communication with residents and being responsive to their needs, as they relate to the division, is imperative. The community must be invited to give input, and be kept informed of board decisions.

Integrity, honesty, and respect are her guiding principles. She says it is of utmost importance for a trustee to stand behind their decisions, communicate openly and honestly with their constituents and the employees of RETSD, and treat people with respect.

Brianne says she wants to make a difference in people's lives and believes being a young woman at the board table is a meaningful and fulfilling way to do that. Indeed, she sees public service as a great and rewarding endeavour.