

# Three Rivers School District

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## APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENT

APPLICATION TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT

To be eligible to serve on the School Board you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a registered voter;
- Be 18 years of age or older;
- Be a resident in the Three Rivers School District for one year immediately preceding appointment;
- Be a resident of Zone I - Cave Junction attendance area (which encompasses the Bridgeview, Cave Junction, Illinois, Selma and Waldo Precincts).

(Paid employees of the District, including coaches, substitute teachers, etc., are not eligible for School Board service)

The person selected for this position will serve until June 30, 2021. They may file to run for this full four-year position in the next May election in 2021.

This application is due at the Three Rivers School District Office by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Please complete the following information:

Have you been a resident within the Three Rivers School District for one year?

Yes  No

Are you a legally registered voter in the State of Oregon?

Yes  No

Jennifer Searle  
Name (First and Last)

Cave Junction OR 97523  
Address City State Zip

Residence Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Other Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Business Illinois Valley family coalition Occupation/Title Administrative

Cave Junction OR 97523  
Business Address City State Zip

Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you ever attended a Three Rivers School District (TRSD) Board meeting?  
 Yes     No
2. Are you available to attend monthly meetings (1-2 times/month)?  
 Yes     No
3. Are you available to attend conferences and seminars as part of ongoing board member education and professional development?  
 Yes     No
4. Are you available to attend school events and activities (games, plays, assemblies, etc.) and be a visible presence in the school community?  
 Yes     No
5. Are you able to make decisions that serve the best needs of the District but may not always be popular with the community?  
 Yes     No
6. Are you able to work collaboratively and in a highly ethical manner as a team member of the School Board?  
 Yes     No
7. Do you have children who attend a school in the TRSD?  
 Yes     No
8. Do you have any relatives employed by the TRSD (This doesn't disqualify you from service, but it's information the board may need to consider).  
 Yes     No    *If yes, please completed the following:*

Name of employee: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Why do you wish to serve on the School Board?  
I feel I would be an asset to the board because of my personal and professional connections within our community.
10. What are your major interests or concerns regarding the TRSD?  
I am interested in raising our graduation rate and strengthening our diversity, equity and inclusion policies and procedures.
11. What skills and abilities would you bring to the School District as a Board Member?  
Partnership building, strong boundaries, understanding of intersectionality of issues of poverty and geographic isolation, marketing, fundraising.
12. Please describe any finance and budget planning experience you have.  
I was involved in creating the 2020 Budget at IVFC.

13. Please describe any experience you have with policy and goal setting.

I helped create and implement IVFC's Equity and diversity Policy and procedures, as well as update our ADA policy and procedure.

14. Please list any previous or present involvement with education such as board member service, budget committee service, other committee involvement, volunteer work, coaching, etc. Indicate the school or district.

I have attended or reviewed the minutes of all school board meetings from the last year.

15. Please list any other community or volunteer service.

IVSHA - Soup for the Souls volunteer  
Rotary community clean up.  
Illinois Valley Family Coalition BOD 2015-2016  
Ucan BOD - 2017 to current

16. Employment history (please give a brief overview of the jobs you have held):

Illinois Valley Family Coalition - Admin Asst.  
Support services to the executive director, represent IVFC at community meetings, plan organize and execute fundraisers, AR/AP, marketing / social media

17. Education (please give a brief overview of your education: high school, technical school, college, continuing education classes, etc.):

GED, some college and Community Healthcare Worker certification.

18. References (please list three, non-relative, references):

Name/Occupation: _____	Phone Number: _____
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Any other information you would like to share?

I think I would be a valuable addition to the TRSD Board. I understand the responsibilities and limitations of the board. I have children in the 3 IV area schools.

Please feel free to attach a resume, letters of reference, or any other documents you feel would help give the Board a clear picture of who you are and how your service would benefit the TRSD.

My signature below indicates that I attest to the fact that the information I have provided in this application is truthful and accurate.

Signature: Jennifer Deaule Date: 9/8/2020

September 1, 2020

To the Board and Superintendent of Three Rivers:

Jenn Searle is an ideal candidate for the Illinois Valley representative of the Three Rivers School District Board. I wholeheartedly recommend her selection.

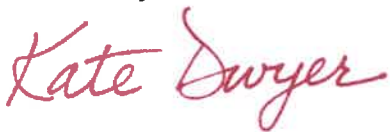
Jenn is professional and well-spoken, with strong boundaries and an understanding of the responsibilities, as well as the limits, of board service. She has served on the board of UCAN for several years. She is intelligent and diligent. She will thoroughly read all the required materials, absorb them, and ask thoughtful questions.

Jenn understands the intersectionality of issues of poverty and geographic isolation that often challenge our students and families. Her job is in a leadership role at the Illinois Valley Family Coalition, where she works with people of all backgrounds and need levels, and assists them in navigating multiple agencies. She has worked in partnership with a great many local and regional agencies, including DHS, Options, OnTrack, Head Start, and small nonprofits. She understands how different organizations are constrained by complex rules and how working effectively with each requires tact, diplomacy, good listening skills, and persistence. She will be a creative builder of partnerships.

Jenn brings warmth and patience to her interactions with school staff while advocating firmly when it is required. She has a child in each of the three Illinois Valley public schools, and is familiar to the teachers and administrators there. I believe they will be very pleased to have her in this role.

Three Rivers is fortunate to have a board candidate as well-qualified as Jenn Searle. She would be a fine addition to the board.

Sincerely,



Kate Dwyer

August 21, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Jenn Searle, running for the Three Rivers School District board. Jenn has shown to be a pivotal person within our community from the moment I met her. I met Jenn in April of 2019, as we attended classes for Community Health Worker certification together. Jenn was already acting as admin for the Illinois Valley Family Coalition, providing much needed resources and information to our rural community in need. I have witnessed Jenn be active in many community meetings and outreach projects. I am always astonished at the effort and attention put into these projects by her, and those she recruits to help.

While the COVID shut down has stifled many efforts of doing things within our community, I have watched Jenn embrace and roll with these changes. I believe someone who can flex with the times and keep a level head would be an asset when representing the Illinois Valley Community. Jenn is an established member within our community, and has three children attending our local schools. I believe Jenn would greatly represent and advocate for those of us living out here in the Illinois Valley. When considering replacing Kate Dwyer, I strongly suggest you seek Jenn Searle out, she would be a great addition to any team she joins.

Thank you for your attention on this subject

Angie D Graves

Community Health Worker

Dual DV/SA Advocate

Longstanding IV community member and parent.

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Board of Directors  
Three Rivers School District  
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Murphy, Oregon 97533

Dear Board of Directors,

I am writing to recommend Jenn Searle for School Board Appointment.

I have known Jenn for 8 years and have nothing but positive things to say.

Jenn has worked for me as my Administrative Assistant for 3 years. She is great with people and able to handle stressful situations. She completes tasks on hand in a timely manner and is dependable.

There is no doubt in my mind that Jenn will be an excellent addition to the Three Rivers School District Board of Directors.

Please do not hesitate on contacting me at 541-592-6139 or [ivfc@frontiernet.net](mailto:ivfc@frontiernet.net) if you have any further questions or requests.

Regards,

Karen Yanase  
Executive Director  
Illinois Valley Family Coalition