



SCOTT GRAVES

Candidate, Cherry Creek School Board

PROFILE

Father of 5 amazing sons, accomplished former fine arts teacher with a masters in education, currently a successful small business owner, seeking a director position on the Cherry Creek School Board. My experience and education as a teacher, coupled with my work as a small business owner and financial advisor, put me in a unique position to hear and speak to parents, teachers, and community members to address their concerns and improve outcomes for students.

My emphasis is on returning Cherry Creek to it's historical "Commitment to Excellence", ensuring the physical and emotional safety of all students, and making it as easy as possible for parents to be as involved as they can.

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HOBBIES

Boating
Hiking
Reading
Challenging kids to reach new heights!

EDUCATION

University of Denver

January 2000 – May 2004
Bachelor of Music, Trombone

University of Denver

August 2005 – May 2008
Master of Arts in Education, Emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction

WORK EXPERIENCE

Alignment Financial Advisors (Aurora, CO) – Partner, Financial Advisor
January 2021 – Present

AG Financial Planning (Aurora, CO) – Owner, Financial Advisor
January 2013 – Present

- Owner of a successful independent financial advisory firm.
- Management of hiring, budgeting, business development, training and development of staff to help them accomplish personal growth goals.
- Investment management, retirement planning, estate planning, college planning, income protection, and small business consulting.

Hillsboro ISD (Hillsboro, TX) – Middle School Band Teacher

August 2010 – May 2011

Plano ISD, Richardson ISD, Northwest ISD, Birdville ISD, Ft. Worth ISD, Frisco ISD, McKinley ISD, HEB ISD – Substitute Teacher

August 2009 – May 2010

Delta County School District (Hotchkiss, CO) – Fine Arts Teacher

August 2008 – May 2009

Aurora Public Schools (Aurora, CO) – Instrumental Music Teacher

August 2006 – May 2008

JeffCo Public Schools (Littleton, CO) – Music Teacher

July 2007 – June 2008

- Instructor in general music, band, orchestra, choir, and drama in middle school and high school.

- Designed and implemented curricula for K-5 general music, 6-12 band, orchestra, choir, and drama through multiple years of development, from beginning through advanced concepts and skills.
- Class sizes ranged from 12 to 83 students.
- Successfully planned and directed Pirates of Penzance; Mulan, student version; and High School Musical, student version.
- Management of facilities and inventory.
- With the help of an engineer parent, funded, designed and constructed a removable stage to provide an authentic experience for students.
- When teaching middle school, assisted with high school marching band.
- Frequently served ESL students one on one and in small groups.

Laid off due to reduction in funding following the Great Recession.

SKILLS

Spanish – Fully fluent in reading and writing, excellent in speaking.
Fluent in education lingo.
High excellence in organizing people and processes.