



Parent Advocates for Tahoma's Highly-Capable (PATH) is a parent-founded, non-profit advocacy and support group that advocates for Tahoma School District (the "District") students deemed "Highly Capable". PATH's mission is to help these students excel socially, emotionally and academically.

The PATH Board invites you to answer questions related to the District's Highly Capable program. Your responses will be provided directly to PATH parents, unedited. Please either interlineate responses below or prepare your responses separately and attach them.

1. What is your name?

Stormy Lea Rigtrup

2. Why are you running for office?

I am running for office because I care about our community and I have a great passion and love for learning and education. I believe my experience as a teacher will give me a unique perspective to the board. I also believe that I could do some good here in our community.

3. Describe your familiarity with Tahoma School District's Highly Capable program and how you believe it compares to other districts' Highly Capable programs.

I know that there are a lot of needs in this area. I am aware that once Highly Capable Students get through elementary school there is no formal program for these students. I am aware that students are able to take advanced classes in Middle School however these classes are not always project based and tailored for Highly Capable Students. I believe that Tahoma's Highly Capable Program should extend to Middle School/JR High age Students.

4. What changes (if any) for Tahoma School District's Highly Capable program would you endorse?

I would endorse proper training for the educators of highly capable students, and curriculum that implements project-based learning in core subjects. I would also endorse the program being extended to beyond Elementary School. I would also endorse an end of year show and tale for the community where Highly Capable students are able to share with the community what they have learned and done throughout the year. This would allow the community to participate and see what these great students are able to do.

5. What do you want parents of Tahoma School District children deemed "Highly Capable" to know about you?

I understand that Highly Capable students think and learn differently than regular classroom students. It is not just about having advanced curriculum, it is about making the curriculum more hands on and project based, giving the Highly Capable students direction and allowing them to explore and ask the questions and then come up with the answers in their own unique ways.