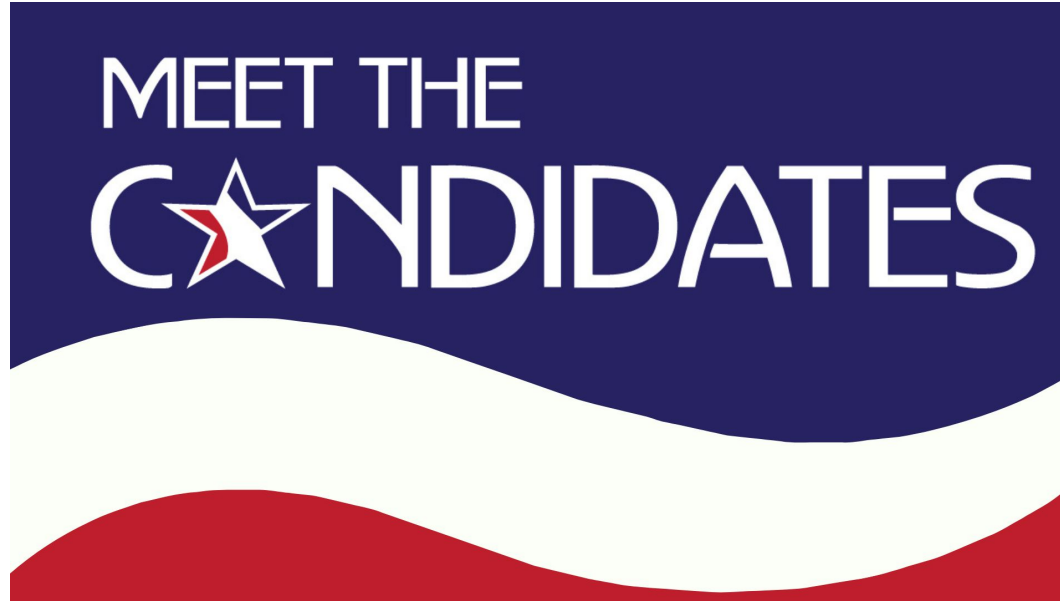


# WELCOME



Hosted By:



Moderated By: John Cirilli

# **Tonight's Agenda:**

**6:00pm**

**Welcome & Introductions**

**6:15pm**

**School Board Candidates**

**7:00pm**

**Closing**

# Amanda Leman

**My name is Amanda Leman and I am 42 years old. I've been married to Drew for 22 years and have 3 children. Will (senior), Miles (sophomore) and Simone (6th grade at Lettie Brown).**

**I was born and raised in Morton where I attended Lincoln Elementary, MJHS, and MHS where I was involved in several different activities and clubs. After receiving my Associates in Business degree from ICC I earned my Illinois Real Estate License where I began to work full time as a Realtor for 7 years. I currently work part time for Sue Neihouser at RE/MAX as an Administrative Assistant for her team.**

**I've served on the Tazewell County Children's Advocacy Center Friend's Board, volunteered at Lincoln School (library, Junior Achievement, classroom help), and volunteered at Lettie Brown (library). I currently volunteer at Southside Christian Academy in their lunch room as well as Midwest Foodbank.**

**In addition to these organizations and schools, I have been very involved in my church having taught 1st grade Sunday School and currently helping with the high school aged youth group.**

**Last of all, I was appointed in October 2021 for the Morton 709 School Board and am serving currently.**



# Cathryn Stump

I grew up in Bloomington/Normal Illinois and graduated from Normal Community High School in 1988. Like Morton, Normal Community had a great Marching Band, and it was my main extracurricular activity. I then went to the University of Illinois and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. I have ten years of teaching experience. I have taught 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades at the elementary level, and language arts in 7th and 8th grade. While teaching, I obtained my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from National Louis University in Wheaton, Illinois.

My husband Jon is a shareholding partner attorney with the law firm of Quinn Johnston in Peoria. We moved to Morton in 1999. One of the main reasons we chose Morton was its reputation for having outstanding public schools. Jon and I have three children, Anna, Jack, and Henry, and they have been in the Morton School District from kindergarten through high school. My oldest Anna was on the Dance Team at Morton High and is now a senior majoring in Elementary Education at Eastern Illinois University. My son Jack is a senior at Morton High School. Jack played on the record setting Morton High School Football Team and has now signed a letter of intent to play Division I College Football for Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri, as a Business Major. My youngest son Henry is a Junior at MHS who just finished his first year on the Morton/Washington CO-OP Swim Team. Henry has Autism and Type I Diabetes, so I've been very involved with the school district's special education department working on his Individualized Education Plans throughout his schooling.

Education has always been an important part of my life and my children's lives and Morton has given so much to my family. I feel that now is the time for me to give back and I'm very eager to do so. Given my experience in navigating the Morton School System as a parent of three very unique children and seeing the issues they, their friends and my fellow parents have faced, and given my background as a teacher, I have specific qualifications that would be valuable to the board. I have been a stay-at-home mom, a "dance team mom" a "football mom" and a mother to a special needs child. I've worn "many hats" in my life and been on both the "teacher side" as well as the "parent side." I've been out in the community making friends wherever I go and listening to their thoughts on the various issues with our schools. I consider one of my strongest attributes and qualifications to be my approachability. I am oftentimes approached by other parents asking for advice on handling IEP's as well as various other issues that arise in their children's educational experiences. I'm always happy to help them and let them know about the many positive experiences my children have had as students in the district. I very much want to utilize my education, experience, and qualities as a member of the Morton 709 School Board to help teachers, administrators and parents continue to provide outstanding education for our students and our community. I am a strong believer in the importance of family and parent involvement in a quality education and I want to be "your voice on the board."



# Andrew Roth

I was raised in Morton and I attended Morton public schools from kindergarten through high school. After high school I earned my Associates Degree in Agriculture Business Management from Illinois Central College.

After college I married my wife Katie and we spent two years working at a children's home in Southern Brazil. Upon returning to Central Illinois we settled in Morton to raise our family. We have five children age 12, 10, 7, 2 and 2 months. The oldest three attend 709 schools.

I worked at Ag-Land FS for 9 years as an LP service technician. I am currently employed at Tremont Grain Cooperative as an outside supervisor. In my free time I enjoy working out, and volunteering for Midwest Food Bank as a truck driver.

As a parent and former 709 student I want to contribute to the school district that has benefited myself and my children.



# Tim Braker

I am married to Rachel, we have three children Kyle a sophomore at ISU, Reagan a senior at MHS, and Avery a sophomore at MHS. I graduated from Morton High School and Bradley University with a mechanical engineering degree. I currently own J J Braker & Sons, a mason contracting company with a partner and MCP a construction management company with two partners. I currently serve on the advisory board of the Salvation army in Peoria. I am a member of the Apostolic Christian Church where I am currently a trustee. I am completing my 4 year serving on the Morton 709 School board.



# **Dr. David Cross**

**I'm David Cross and am running for re-election to the Morton 709 School Board. I have served on the 709 Board since 2017 and lived in the district since 2009. As a pediatrician and a father of two, the wellbeing and education of our community's children is very important to me. A healthy school district is vital to not only the students but to the community as a whole. I am committed to helping the district maintain its reputation for excellence in education. This is balanced with a need to be fiscally responsible with our taxpayer's money. It has been an honor to be on the board for the past 6 years and look forward to serving 4 more years.**

**Feel free to email: [david.cross@mcusd709.org](mailto:david.cross@mcusd709.org)**



# **Question 1**

**What characteristics/skills/experience do you bring that would benefit the School Board?**



## **Question 2**

**What are your thoughts on existing facilities and your vision for 5-10 years out on a facilities plan? Also include your proposal in funding that plan?**

## **Question 3**

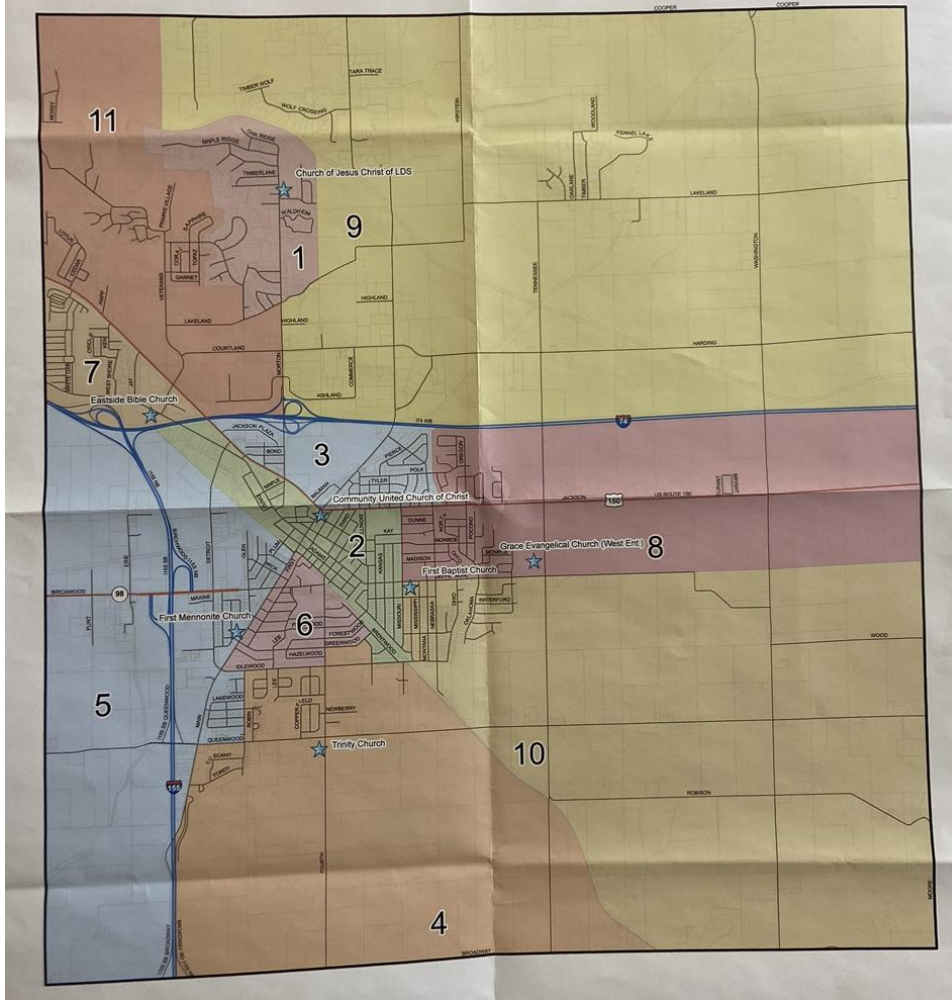
**Describe your view of the roles of the school board and the Superintendents. What is the ideal relationship between these two offices?**

## **Question 4**

**How do you see District 709 continuing to meet the needs of our students for 21st century learning?**

## **Question 5**

**We have covered facilities, finances, roles of school board, 21st Century learning so share with us what is the most pressing issue facing District 709 currently?**



Precinct	Location	Address
1	Church of Jesus Christ of LDS	2530 N. Morton Ave.
2	First Baptist Church	900 E. Jefferson St.
3	Community United Church of Christ	300 N. Main St.
4	Trinity Church	1901 S. 4th Ave.
5, 6	First Mennonite Church	250 S. Baltimore
7, 11	Eastside Bible Church	1310 W. Jefferson St.
8, 9	Grace Evangelical Church (West Ent)	1325 E. Jefferson St.
10	First Baptist Church	900 E. Jefferson St.



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### Early Voting Information

#### **General Election**

#### **TAZEWELL COUNTY**

#### **Temporary sites:**

#### **Early Voting will be conducted at the following sites**

Morton Township	300 W. Jefferson St.	Morton, IL 61550
Washington Township	58 Valley Forge Rd.	Washington, IL 61571
Folepi's Market Place	2200 E. Washington St.	East Peoria, IL 61611
Tremont Township Building	308 S. James St.	Tremont, IL 61568

<b>Fridays, March 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM – 6:00 PM</b>
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County Clerk's Office 11 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. #203 Pekin IL (Permanent Site):

#### **WEEKDAYS: Monday through Friday**

<b>February 23<sup>rd</sup> - March 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 AM – 4:30 PM</b>
<b>Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 AM – 6:00 PM</b>
<b>March 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 AM – 4:30 PM</b>
<b>Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 AM – 6:00 PM</b>
<b>March 27<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 AM – 7:00 PM</b>

#### **WEEKENDS – Saturday and Sunday**

<b>Saturdays, March 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Sundays, March 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 AM – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>8:00 AM – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 AM – 3:00 PM</b>

**Dates and Times subject to change**

## **Early Voting Sites:**

- Morton Township (300 W. Jefferson St., Morton)
- Washington Township (58 Valley Forge Rd, Washington)
- Folepi's Market Place (2200E. Washington St., East Peoria)
- Tremont Township Building (308 S. James St., Tremont)
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