

**Sharon Thomas** is a sixth-generation Saint David resident, a direct descendant of founding family Joseph McRae and Mariah Taylor McRae, the first school teacher in Cochise County, who taught in the original Saint David school. Sharon lives on her family homestead and raised her two children in the Saint David schools, where her mother and grandparents graduated. Sharon was a founding member of *Saint David Residents for Rural Life* and worked with other community residents to protect our rural heritage from suburban development.

Sharon holds a Bachelor's degree in Education and a Master's degree in Education Leadership and Administration. She is a certified teacher with more than a decade of experience teaching in grades kindergarten through community college. Sharon has written curriculum aligned to several standard models and understands the importance of strong standards to guide instruction. She has mentored and coached new and experienced teachers in best practices in instruction and tools for the twenty-first century. Sharon is experienced in the teacher evaluation process, has written teacher evaluations aligned to applicable state law and Arizona Department of Education parameters, and has applied those evaluations in the classroom.

Sharon's background includes working in corporate business management and owning and operating her own small business. She is an experienced administrator and manager who understands employee law and organizational procedure. She values “human resources,” and she understands the important role they play in organization success and the need to provide strong support for employee's personal security and growth as professionals. Sharon currently works for the University of Arizona as part of the Teacher Preparation faculty preparing new teachers for the classroom.

Sharon is a strong advocate of public schools and believes in local control. She has the experience and knowledge needed to support the success of the Saint David School District. She knows educational law and policy and understands the applicable state and federal legislation. Sharon understands the Arizona Department of Education school rating system and what is required to earn and maintain an “A” rating. She believes all students can learn and deserve the best educational opportunity available. She also knows what resources teachers and students need to be successful.

Sharon will provide the transparency demanded by taxpayers, protect the integrity of our schools, and work for the resources we need to maintain high standards, support teacher longevity, and provide for **STUDENT SUCCESS!**



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*On November 8th, Vote for the Experienced Education Leader.*  
Vote Sharon Thomas for Saint David School District Governing Board.