

# JEN MALLO

**Age:** 50

**Occupation:** Current Board of Education member, university administration, local coordinator/volunteer for Blessings in a Backpack

**Education:** BA in economics and East Asian studies; MA in East Asian studies

**Redistricting:** The issue that may have the biggest positive academic and student well-being impact is starting schools later. The weight of the scientific research identifies significant positive impacts from students starting school after 8 a.m. The evidence is that this practical change

will improve student academic performance, increase attendance, improve student mental health and reduce vehicular accidents. Working on implementing this change now, in conjunction with adding high school 13, will allow us to incorporate community feedback and optimize our plans. This process will allow coordination with day care, before-care, and after-care providers to build up the infrastructure to provide needed services in the context of a changed schedule and provide continuity to families. Beginning in early 2021, if reelected, I will champion this effort and direct the superintendent to develop feasible models to have all schools begin the school day after 8 a.m.