



Ya ah teeh' Shi di Dine', Families, and Friends:

My name is Wanda Begay, born into Ta nas zahni clan for Water edge (Tabaaha) clan, my chei is Tsejikini and my Nali is Tachini. I was born and raised in Ganado, Arizona. I went through Ganado School District schools from 1st grade until I graduated in May 1976. I am a Registered Nurse with a Master's degree in Health Care Administration. My children all attended Ganado schools and graduated from Ganado High School. Now I have two grandchildren attending Ganado Schools. We are proud Ganado Hornets!

I am running for Ganado School Board membership again. I believe my work is unfinished and ongoing. I am your child's advocate for quality education. I believe our mission and vision that our children are lifelong learners all deserving quality education. I totally support your children to attain quality education and want them to succeed. Our culture and tradition is very important. We want your child to learn the values of western education and also strengthen their own Dine' cultural values.

We accomplished success:

- Graduating many students every year and witnessed our children graduating with honors. Ganado had four Chief Manuelito Scholars this year.
- Our common core curriculum is meeting Arizona Department of Education standards.
- Invested guidance from academic coaches working with teachers in all the schools to improve student learning.
- Our students are learning from the newly purchased school books required for subject areas
- Our information technology infrastructure has improved and added new computer equipment including IPADs and Tablets with the ever increasing student learning and research.
- Improvement projects include the football field and track turf replacement, rebuilding the High School Chemistry Lab and repairing the building roofs, renovation of teacher housing and plans to build Culinary Arts and Agriculture Center complex at the high school.
- Our school athletes are talented including our high school Girls Cross Country teams being one of the best in the state and having state champion runners. I support all athletes, all sports and coaching staff. Our athletes won college scholarships to continue higher education.
- Advocate for all Indian Lands children and students in Washington receiving federal Impact Aid funds to maintain our schools, purchased school buses, instructional materials, books, and pay staff salaries.
- I am bilingual and speak Dine' fluently.
- I support our Dine' cultural values – tied many girls' hair for puberty rites ceremonies and assist with their Kinalda rituals.

I pledge to continue working as your public servant on the governing board to advocate for your child to quality education, ensure every child is reaching full potential and investing in their future.

Every child has a right to education!