

“How School Boards Impact Us All”

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Dr. Ziad Munson is Professor of Sociology and Chair of the Sociology & Anthropology Department at Lehigh University. He received his BA from the University of Chicago in 1993 and his PhD from Harvard University in 2002. He currently lives in Emmaus, PA with his wife and two children, and served as a school director in the East Penn School District from 2014-2022. Ziad’s professional research and teaching focuses on social movement activism. He has written two books and more than a dozen articles on social movements, religion, terrorism, and civil society. He is currently working on a study of the political changes taking place in America’s suburbs.

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Kate Nazemi has a long history of advocating for public education, women’s rights, LGBTQ+ rights, voting rights, and gun violence prevention. Most recently, with two children in Central Bucks Schools, Kate cofounded [Advocates for Inclusive Education](#), a coalition of parents, students, educators, residents, and community groups organizing to fight against harmful school board policies. Professionally, Kate has more than seventeen years of design and communications experience, having worked with Harvard University, The James A. Michener Art Museum, MIT, Tufts University and many more. She was also on the design faculty at Massachusetts College of Art & Design where she received her MFA in 2005. Kate currently



Jennifer K. Hoff was elected School Board Director of the William Penn School District, since 2007 and, until recently, was a Pennsylvania School Board Association Advocacy Ambassador. As a parent, homeowner, and business owner in Lansdowne, PA, Jennifer understands the important role a quality school system plays in local economic development. Having the opportunity to create policy to benefit students and the greater community has been an honor and a privilege. Hoff Communications is a highly versatile web, graphic design and public relations/social media company based in Lansdowne. In 2020, Jennifer started Lansdowne Urban Farms (landowneurbanfarms.com). Lansdowne Urban Farms is able to provide fresh, healthy food sold and consumed to all within her community.