




MEET THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES 2025-2026



THREE AVAILABLE SEATS

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LUCY AUSTIN



Hello Everyone! My name is Lucy Austin and I had the privilege to serve on the South Lewis Board of Education for the 2025-2026 year. I am a South Lewis graduate of the 2007 class. I obtained my Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and then came back home to start my life and raise a family. My husband, Garrett, works at South Lewis in building and grounds and my children Caleb and Jaxon, attend South Lewis as well. I am the Director of Pharmacy at Lewis County General Hospital which provides insights/experience with managing budgets, developing/maintaining policies, and working with other colleges to ensure we provide the best care. These are important skills that I can bring with me and use as a board member. I am an active member of our community serving as a board member on the Chase Lake Association, playing with Lowville village band, bowling on Thursday night league, and volunteering to help with my kid's extracurricular activities when needed.

I am a proud Falcon who cares deeply about our students, our district, and our community. I would love to continue to serve on the Board of Education and would greatly appreciate your support on May 19th.

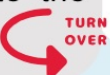
JESSICA CARPENTER



Hello, my name is Jessica Carpenter, and I am running for my third term on the South Lewis Board of Education. My husband, Rob, and I are South Lewis graduates, and we reside in Constableville with our three sons, Conner, Cameron, and Keegan. I own Keystone Lumber & Building Supply, a family-owned business in Glenfield. As a business owner, a community member, and a parent in the district, I would like to continue to be involved and serve on the Board of Education.

As a Board member for the past ten years, I have focused on accomplishing our annual goals, placing the utmost importance on student success while being mindful of our financial responsibility to the community. Additionally, I value the relationships between our teachers, staff, administration, and the Board. South Lewis is an exceptional school district that offers our students a well-rounded, high-quality education.

It has been an honor to serve on the Board of Education, and I appreciate the opportunity to continue serving the South Lewis community.





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KATIE CARPENTER



I am Katie Carpenter and I live in Constableville with my husband, Derek, and our two daughters - a current Kindergarten Falcon and a soon-to-be UPK student. While I grew up in northern Franklin County, I've been proud to call Lewis County home for the past 12 years and feel lucky to be raising my family here.

I serve as the Director of New York Agriculture in the Classroom at Cornell University. I work to support schools to include food and agriculture in their classrooms through hands-on lessons, the Agricultural Literacy Week book program, virtual field trips to farms, and teacher trainings. I feel very fortunate that my career allows me to support farmers and teachers every single day.

I am running for a seat on the Board of Education because I believe our school should reflect the strengths of our community and prepare our students for success in whatever path they choose – from the skilled trades to career or college readiness. I hope to contribute to the continued success of our district by supporting the faculty and staff who impact our students' well-being each day, while also approaching budget decisions thoughtfully as a good steward of taxpayer dollars.

KRISTIN THOMAS



My name is Kristin Thomas, I grew up in St. Lawrence County on a dairy farm and graduated from Cornell University in 2015. Since then, I have been working as an independent nutrition consultant in the dairy industry. My husband, Jordan and I live in Turin with our three young children and are very excited for them to attend South Lewis Central School.

I am running for a seat on the South Lewis Board of Education because I want to better understand the programs and goals and help strengthen the education of our children and support the diversity of academic programs offered. It is important to me that we continue to prioritize innovative and practical opportunities and further education for students.

South Lewis stands out as a school that is doing new and creative things for both its staff and students to strengthen the culture and academics. Having served on different boards, one being the Hand In Hand board, I am excited for the chance to contribute to the ongoing improvement of education for our youth and to support a positive and thriving environment for staff and community.

