



# Jeffrey Uppole

## ***Bio:***

My name is Jeffrey Uppole, and I have been a member of the Germantown Hills community for close to 8 years now, and have no plans on leaving. I have a kindergartner, 1st grader, 3rd grader and a 5th grader who all attend Germantown Hills schools. Last and probably most important, I have been married to my beautiful wife Krystal since 2009. When I'm not being a parent or husband I enjoy sports and Genealogy.

## ***1. What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a school board member?***

In my professional life I work in government and manage a group of people fairly close to the number that School District #69 has on staff. I also have years of experience working with and for local unions. In my personal life I volunteer for the GHAA as a coach for various sports, and maybe not as much as my wife, but have volunteered for the Germantown Hills PTO. Before switching majors my junior year of college I also spent 2 years as an early childhood education major hoping to one day be a grade school educator. But ultimately my experience as a parent of 4 children in district #69 has prepared me the most for this position.

## ***2. What do you see as the primary work of the Board of Education?***

To keep the district financially and socially responsible to the community. To help facilitate a balanced and effective work environment for the educators and staff. Finally and most importantly to provide every resource available to the student body.

## ***3. What is a school board member's role and responsibility?***

To vote on issues mostly financially related, to help create a bridge between educators and other members of staff, and to seek out opportunities (local or otherwise) that can further advance the student bodies success.

## ***4. What is your vision for education in the Germantown Hills School District Community?***

In my opinion extracurriculars, athletics and education go hand in hand. We already excel at all three of those. But can't we always strive for more? I want to continue to help recruit the best educators, and winning as many athletic trophies as we can. This is what brings new families to our community, and keeps the ones who are already here.

## ***5. What do you see as major issue(s) facing our school district? Public Education?***

Parking! I joke but it seems that a lot of the short falls in this district seem to be inconveniences. Not that we do not have our problems, but when compared with some of the things that I have heard from other public schools, ours issues are not as prevalent. Parent involvement I think is the biggest issue for all public education. From what I can see that is not much of a problem in Germantown Hills.

## ***6. How does a school board balance the need to provide for a quality education with the need to respond to the tax payer burden?***

I believe in balance. I know we need surplus in our budgets, but at the same time any child missing out on something that can improve their life just because of cost seems unfathomable to me. Many of us moved here because the level of excellence in education this district provides far outweighs the taxpayer burden.

## ***7. Why should you be elected to the Board of Education?***

Let me put it the best way I can. I've met a lot of people who have lived in Metamora / Germantown Hills their whole lives. I've also met a lot of people (like myself) who have moved here because of the athletics and education that this area excels at. I believe I can help continue what we have here and help further growth in the community. For those of you know me, well you know I like to make jokes. But when it comes to my family, community, and career I am anything but a comedian. I love this community and the people that live here. If I am to be elected in April you will get the Jeffrey Uppole that spends 3-4 nights a week coaching your children on the ball fields, working late so that his office is one of the most productive in the area, and goes over his child's homework every night so they can be the best students they are capable of being. In short - I'll put in the work for this community if elected.