

Name: Mubasher Max Ashrafi

Hometown (where you currently live): Addison

Family members: Jennifer Ashrafi (wife), Raina Ashrafi (daughter), Michaela Phelps (daughter)

Your connection(s) to District 88: I am a parent of two daughters who attend/attended District 88 schools. My oldest daughter graduated from Willowbrook High School in 2018. My youngest daughter is currently a sophomore at Addison Trail High School.

Why you chose to become a candidate for the District 88 Board of Education: Before moving to Addison in August 2018, I lived in Villa Park with my wife and two daughters for 14 years. I have the unique perspective of having had children who attended both District 88 high schools, and I hope to be part of shaping our schools into the future. I chose to become a candidate for the District 88 Board of Education because I want to ensure the district keeps its academic standards high, challenging our students to reach their full potential. It also is important that District 88 continues to assist students who are headed to junior college, trade school, the military, or directly into the workforce. I hope to continue to build relationships with College of DuPage, industry workforces and trade leaders to help our students plan for their futures. Our community is a true melting pot of cultures and ethnicities. I want to continue to celebrate our diversity by embracing our differences. It is the combination of our unique characteristics, values and beliefs that make District 88 schools special.

What you hope to accomplish, should you become elected to the District 88 Board of Education: I would strive to continue developing programs for our children to have the tools and support needed to be successful in high school and beyond. I would also ensure our schools have all the equipment and resources to help our teachers excel in educating our children. I would also like to make sure our schools are safe places to learn and grow. I want to continue to celebrate our diversity by embracing our differences.

Your vision/goals for District 88: Our children's mental health is important to me. A goal of mine is to make sure every child receives the care they need for their mental health needs. I also want to help children who require Individual Education Plans (IEPs). I live with a learning disability called dyslexia. I was fortunate to have an IEP during my time in school. The IEP helped me to develop skills that better prepared me to be successful in high school and prepare me for college. I want to be an example for all the parents and children that being diagnosed with a learning disability does not mean one cannot be successful. Quite the opposite.

Your involvement within District 88: I am an active member of my community. I serve on the Addison Trail High School Theatre Board, and I volunteer to support the Addison Trail Music and Athletic Boosters.

Your involvement within the community: I am also a member of the 46th District of Illinois Immigration Advisory Committee.

Other information to share: I am a senior marketing and graphic design consultant for a Chicago-based insurance company. In my spare time, I love to cook and entertain family and friends. I have a passion for sports, movies, theatre and Disney. My professional background and life experiences give me a fresh perspective and a passion to work for the students, families, faculty and community of District 88.