

Respondent Names
Bethel School District
Complainant Name
Marianne L. Lincoln
Complaint Description
<p><u>Marianne</u> reported via the portal (<i>Sat, 7 Aug 2021 at 4:02 PM</i>)</p> <p>A public agency may not use their facilities to promote a person for elective office. This large article, about a current appointed board member who was running in the August 3, 2021 primary, came out in July, just before the Primary election. While even I voted for him, this was an egregious use of public funds and facilities to promote someone just at the right timing before the election. When I was on the Bethel School Board, they did not even list the board members in this district magazine. They apparently need to be reminded of their proper place.</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
<p>The Bethel School District put out a puff piece in their school newsletter about a current school board member, Terrance Mayers, Sr., who was on the August 3 primary ballot. The article in the Bethel Pride August 2021 edition, came out just before the primary election.</p> <p>Results:</p> <p>Rick Payne 2032 20.59%</p> <p>Lee Kirkegaard 1058 10.72%</p> <p>Terrance Mayers, Sr. 6647 67.35%</p> <p>Write-in 132 1.34%</p>
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
Bethel Pride newsletter, page 14.
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
<p>Doug Boyles, Communication Director 253-800-2202</p> <p>Tom Seigel, Superintendent, 253-800-6000</p>
Certification (Complainant)
I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

School Board Profile: Terrance Mayers, Sr.



Terrance Mayers has packed a lot of living into his 38 years. His journey has taken him from the football fields of Vancouver, Washington to international culinary school to bustling restaurants all over the world.

In April 2020, he was named on a grand jury. He was appointed to the School Board. It's a challenge, and in many ways, it's preparing for his entire life.

Mayers was born in Oakland, California, and later moved with his mom and two brothers to Washington state. His early passions were for football and cooking, and after graduating from Kent Meridian High School he followed his heart — and stomach — to the International Culinary School in Vancouver, British Columbia.

That decision turned out to be one of the more consequential choices in his life. Not only did it solidify his desire to be a chef, but it's also where he met his future wife.

"That made a big impact on my life. It was one of the first stepping stones to actually making a career out of expanding the knowledge of his life."

After coming to the district with his wife, Bethel, he has seen tangible results and

moved to Paris so he could pursue his culinary dreams. As a classically trained French chef, Mayers felt right at home in a Parisian kitchen. But he was hungry for bigger challenges, so he took his passion for cooking to restaurants in Florida, Las Vegas, and right here in Washington.

When he and his wife started their own family, Mayers knew his time in the kitchen was coming to a close. The life of a professional chef requires long nights and grueling weekends at work, and he quickly realized that it wasn't a lifestyle conducive with raising two children.

That's when Mayers switched things up. He returned to school and earned a degree in Applied Science, with a focus on computer networking. He

know I'm helping these communities," he said. "We do community vaccine events. I'm supplying PPE to restaurants. I'm playing my part to make sure we're contributing."

Mayers, who now lives in Graham, felt compelled to apply for the School Board position when it was announced that former Board Member Cindy Henry-Young was stepping down earlier this year. His twin priorities during his first year on the board have been Equity and Child Nutrition — two issues he's long been passionate about.

When his family moved into the district last year, they weren't sure what they were getting into, but Mayers said Bethel has exceeded his expectations in nearly every way.

'I'm truly excited about the process and bringing my thoughts and ideas to the table. I want to make sure that children shouldn't want or need for food. That's paramount.'

brought his new skills to King County, where he took a job as a Project Manager in the county's Office of Emergency Management. The job allowed Mayers to get out into his community and help people in need. He has seen tangible results and

"This is a great school district," he said. "The teachers, the administrative staff, everyone — especially during COVID times — were just outstanding. The effort that teachers have made to make sure they're proactive in getting resources to our kids has been top of the line. I'm so grateful."



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