



*"One of the most important duties of government is to educate our children. As a parent, teacher and principal, I have devoted my life to bringing young people the best educational opportunities possible. As a member of our Pinellas School Board, I will keep using that experience for our kids!"*

**- Terry Krassner**

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**Terry Krassner is endorsed by Pinellas Classroom Teachers who urge you to vote now by mail or at the polls on August 24!**

# Terry Krassner – A lifetime of commitment to Pinellas schools!

Terry Krassner is a third generation Pinellas County resident. A graduate of Northeast High School, she followed in the footsteps of her father, Lee Benjamin, a coach, principal and Pinellas School Board member, and her mother, Felice Benjamin, a middle and high school teacher. Terry's award-winning educational career included service as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal.

Terry retired as principal of Westgate Elementary in 2008 and lives in Largo with her husband, Al Bonnette. Their four children currently attend or have graduated from Pinellas public schools. Now she wants to put her experience as a parent, teacher and administrator to work for us as a member of the Pinellas County School Board.

## As our representative on the Pinellas School Board, Terry Krassner will work to:

**Maximize Student Safety** – We need to reexamine and improve student assignment and busing plans, and school start times to maximize student safety.

**Improve High School Graduation Rate** – To do this, we should create more high school “centers of excellence” and more technical education options.

**Close Student Achievement Gap Faster** – As a former principal, I support the Pinellas Education Foundation's emphasis on more school-based decision making.

**Focus on the Big Picture** – The Pinellas school district has a \$1.4 billion annual budget, 17,000 employees, and 138,000 students. The school board needs to set strategic priorities and performance goals for students, teachers, and administrators.

**Use our Schools to Improve our Economy** – We must teach the career tools our children will need to compete and prosper in the ever-changing economy of the 21st Century!

## Terry's well-rounded background

- Teacher – Lynch Elementary, Pinellas Park Middle and Morgan Fitzgerald Middle Schools
- Assistant Principal, Starkey Elementary
- Principal, Westgate Elementary
- Served on state adoption committee for reading series
- Principal representative for Pinellas at Fordham University
- District representative for state “Right to Read”

## Terry has been recognized for her leadership

- Mayor Rick Baker's “Top Apple” award for academic leadership, 2008
- Elementary Administrator of the Year, presented by Pinellas Assoc. of Library Information Specialists, 2002
- “Commitment to Excellence Award,” 2000
- Education Award from St. Petersburg NAACP chapter, 1998



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