



October 2020

Ashland County Democratic Party Newsletter

Dr. Christina Collins for State School Board



Educator, parent, Democrat, and resident of Medina, Dr. Christina Collins is a candidate for District 5 of the State Board of Education. District 5 covers Medina, Richland, Ashland, Wayne, and parts of Summit and Cuyahoga Counties. Dr. Collins has served as a school administrator at both Medina City Schools and Buckeye Local Schools; her passion for education is unmatched, and she will bring that passion for public education to this role.

“I believe in public education as a vital component of our society. And, I am looking forward to applying my demonstrated innovation and forward-thinking, as well as my experience as an educator, at the state level,” Dr. Collins said. “We are in an incredibly difficult situation right now across our state - especially when it comes to teaching and learning during the course of a pandemic. It is time to think beyond state testing and refocus our collective efforts on what is best for our children and their futures.”

Dr. Collins will champion several issues including equity in school funding, identifying and eradicating issues of race and bias in our state curriculum and structures, mental health and wellness, sensible use of testing and data, and steering a new vision for public schools in Ohio.

She has been endorsed by the Medina County Democratic Party Executive Committee, The Ashland, Cuyahoga, Summit, and Richland County Democratic Parties, The Westshore Democrats, The Ohio Education Association, The AFL-CIO, the Ohio BATs Teacher Organization, and Senator Sherrod Brown.

Ashland County Dems Slate Card 2020

These are the endorsed Democratic Candidates that will be on your Ashland County ballot for the November 2020 election.

JOE BIDEN and **KAMALA HARRIS** for President and Vice President of the United States

QUENTIN POTTER for Congress, District 7

Judge JOHN P. O'DONNELL for Ohio Supreme Court

Judge JENNIFER BRUNNER for Ohio Supreme Court

RYAN HUNGER for Ohio Senate, district 22

KEVIN BARNET for Ohio House, district 70

DR. CHRISTINA COLLINS for State School Board, District 5

WILLIAM B. HOFFMAN for 5th district Court of Appeals (re-elect)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rallies at Corner Park (Corner of Claremont and Main, Ashland). Get signs, buttons, stickers, voting info, meet candidates, and volunteer to help!

Saturday October 17 11-4. *In honor of Steve Johnson*

Sunday Nov 1 noon-4

Tuesday, November 3 Is Election Day



Meetings

Ashland County Democratic Party

Central Committee Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 PM, currently in the Honey Haven Farm open air pavilion. 1324 CR 1465, Ashland, Ohio. Next meeting is October 15. All supporters are welcome.

Ashland County Democratic Women

The Women's Dem group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 PM at the picnic shelter at the Ashland Christian Church on King Road. (Across from Ashland High School)

Locations and times may change from time to time, especially as winter approaches. Please watch your emails for any changes.

Ryan Hunger for State Senate



My name is Ryan Hunger and I am the Democratic Candidate for the Ohio State Senate from the 22nd Senate District; which includes Medina, Ashland, Richland and a portion of Holmes Counties. I am a 30-year resident of Lafayette Township, I work for Survitec Group LTD as a receiving and material specialist at our Medina Warehouse, I represent my precinct in Lafayette on the Medina County Democratic Central Committee, a Capital University graduate with a BA in History and a 2005 graduate of Cloverleaf High School.

I am running for this seat because the 22nd district needs a new and independent voice in the State Senate. I am running to root out corruption in state government. In light of the Householder scandal, we need more transparency on all levels of government regarding campaign finance and I firmly believe a ban is also required on so called “dark money” used to influence elections by 501C4 groups; sometimes misleadingly referred to as social welfare organizations. Moreover, policy wise we need liability protections for our small businesses, unemployment safeguards for workers, invest in broadband infrastructure across Ohio, provide support to our local school districts during this crippling pandemic and fix school funding which has been an ongoing problem for the past 25 plus years; all important matters.

I am a strong supporter of organized labor; I have been endorsed by the Communication Workers of America (District 4) and by AFSCME-OAPSE (Ohio Association of Public-School Employees). I am also a firm believer in bipartisanship; my Republican sister pictured above has endorsed this campaign! Thank you for your support, I will see you on the campaign trail, lets continue to build and grow the Ohio Democratic Party. Also, the campaign can be found online at www.facebook.com/HungerforOhioStateSenate.
Email: Rhunger8585@outlook.com

Voting Options in this Very Strange Year

Make a Plan to Vote!

1. Are you Registered?

If you have not voted in the last year or if you have changed your address, check your voter registration status. You can do this on the Board Of Elections website or by calling your Board of Elections. You can also install the free Ohio Voter Info app on your phone and then check. If you are not registered, you need to do so ASAP. Especially check this if you did NOT get an absentee ballot application in the mail from the Ohio Secretary of State. **Deadline for registering to vote is October 5.**

2. Voting Early In Person

Early In Person voting begins on **October 6 and goes thru November 2** at your county Board of Elections (BOE) office. In Ashland County, at minimum you can expect them to be open 8-4, Monday

through Friday. Convenient evening and weekend hours will be added. You may use their website or call them to obtain their operating hours. A link to the website and their phone number is given at the bottom of this article. A summary of voting information and Ashland BOE hours for early voting will be found in the literature from the Ashland Dems that will be hanging on your doorknob or mailed to you.

3. Voting Absentee.

Ballot requests were sent out to all registered voters in Ohio and hopefully you received one. Requests can be made online through the Ashland BOE website Absentee Ballot tab: <https://boe.ashland.oh.gov/index.php?id=early-voting> or the Ohio Secretary of State website. You must have access to a printer to print off the request form. You can also go to your county Board of Elections and fill out the form. All requests must be received by Saturday October 31st. In reality this is not enough time (3 days) for you to get a ballot in the mail, so to be safe request your ballot by October 14th. Be sure to fill in all the information **clearly and completely** and mail it to the BOE. The BOE will check your identity and voter registration status and will then mail you your absentee ballot. Those will be mailed out beginning **October 6**. The ballot must be **completely** filled out and signed everywhere indicated and mailed back with sufficient postage. Double and triple check your ballot! In order to count, the ballot **must be postmarked by Nov. 2. To be safe, mail it by October 20**. If you worry about mail delivery, you can drive to the Ashland BOE and hand your ballot to a BOE worker during business hours, or drop it in their secure dropbox in front of their office building. You can check to see if your ballot has been received by clicking on the Absentee Ballot Status link on the home page of the Ashland BOE website.

4. Vote at your Polling Place on Election Day.

On **November 3**, you can vote the traditional way. Be sure to check your polling place beforehand. You can look this up on the Ashland County BOE website or on the Ohio Voter Info phone app. Due to COVID-19 there could be a shortage of poll workers and some polling places could be closed. Also be prepared to wait in line, especially if your polling place is in a large town. Keep in mind that if you submitted an absentee ballot, you will not be able to vote in person. If you think that you did NOT vote absentee but the pollworker thinks you did, you can fill out a provisional ballot.

Ashland County BOE Website: <https://boe.ashland.oh.gov/>

Ashland County BOE Phone: 419-282-4224

Ashland County BOE Address: [110 Cottage Street, Suite 106](#), Ashland, Ohio 44805

Ohio Secretary of State website election link <https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/>

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OR SEND YOUR DONATION TO:

Ashland Democratic Party

C/O 963 Winthrop Lane

Ashland, Ohio 44805

VOLUNTEERING



We need volunteers to do literature drops at doors!

We sent out an email for volunteers, with details of who to contact. For literature drops, we will be going to the homes of Democratic voters and hanging bags with candidate info and our slate cards on their doorknobs. We hope to reach every Dem household in the county before October 6th! You do not have to have personal contact with voters.

There may be a second canvass of undecided voters, and mail stuffing to reach voters who live out in remote areas. We will need to call voters on election day who have not voted yet. So please think about helping us with this. It is our main way to contact voters before the election.



Women Dems Update

by Barbara Lindsay

The Ashland County Women Democrats are busy! We worked on postcards for the Christina Collins and Jennifer Brunner campaigns. We also stuffed door hanger bags and many of us will be working hard to reach as many Democratic doors in Ashland County as possible. We are working on Get Out the Vote postcards. You are welcome to join us in these efforts!

Also, a long term and much loved Woman Dem, Fran Holbrook, has moved away. She would welcome cards and calls from friends. Here is her contact info:

Francine Holbrook
3020 E. 6th Avenue
Apt. 402
Stillwater, OK 74074
phone: 405-332-4099

Thank you Wayne County Democrats!

A group of Wayne County Dems in coordination with the Wayne County Democratic Party have arranged to rent billboard ads supporting Joe Biden in Ashland County as well as Wayne County! Look for the 6 Ashland County billboards in all parts of the county on main highways. Rural Ohioans are working together to support Democrats! We appreciate your help and support.

Thank You Ashland County Democrats!

We want to give a huge THANK YOU to all the energized Dems who have donated to the party, helped in any way, and/or displayed signs. You all are invaluable to us!

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Senator Sherrod Brown (D) - 216.522.7272 or 614.469.2083

Senator Robert Portman (R) - 216.522.7095 or 614.469.6774

Congressman Bob Gibbs (R) - 419.207.0650

Ohio House Rep. Darrell Kick (R) - 614.466.2994

Ohio Senate Rep. Larry Obhoff (R) - 614.466.7505

HOW TO CONTACT US

PHONE: 419-685-7326

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