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# Jenn McDaigle Enters District 1 School Board Race

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Jenn McDaigle is a candidate for Lee County School Board, District 1, and a mother, business leader, and lifelong advocate for children and families.

Raised in West Central Florida, Jenn grew up in a single-parent household where resources were limited, and school was more than a place of learning; it was stability, support, and opportunity. Programs like free school lunch and after-school care played a critical role in her success, shaping her belief that schools must serve the whole child.

Jenn earned her bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on Psychology and youth development and spent over a decade working directly with children and young adults, helping them navigate challenges at home, in school, and in their communities.

As a mother, Jenn has experienced the school system from multiple perspectives. Her oldest daughter, Quillen, passed away in 2023 at five years old due to a rare neurodegenerative disease and required extensive medical and educational support. Through that experience, Jenn became a full-time advocate within Lee County's special needs system, navigating PPEC care, IEPs, Patriot Elementary, and the gaps families often face. She saw where the system works, where it falls short, and how much a single committed educator can mean to a family fighting for their child. Today, her daughter Waverly is preparing to enter kindergarten, and like every parent, Jenn is asking a simple but urgent question: *Are our schools truly preparing our children for the world they will inherit?*

Professionally, Jenn brings more than a decade of experience in corporate sales and leadership, including roles up to Director and Vice President at companies such as Instacart, Dunnhumby, and Zeta Global. She has worked in industries transformed by technology, data, and artificial intelligence, giving her a clear perspective on how quickly the world is changing, and what students need to succeed in it.

Jenn believes our schools must be **built for their world**—one that demands critical thinking, adaptability, and real understanding, not just memorization.

She is committed to strengthening **meaningful** academic outcomes, supporting teachers and families, and modernizing education to reflect today's realities—using technology thoughtfully while prioritizing the off-screen skills essential for focus, healthy development, and human connection.

She is not running to make political statements. She is running to make sure our schools show up for **every child, every family, every time.**

Her focus is simple: prepare students not just for future careers, but for life.