

CRAIG TIPPING  
Candidate for School Board Trustee - Place 3

**WHO AM I**

My wife Leigh Ann and I have lived and raised our family in Mansfield for nearly 20 years now. I grew up in Amarillo, Tx where my mom was an elementary school teacher and my dad was in public health. I am a product of the public school system, and that is where Leigh Ann and I met while in high school. After high school, I obtained my Bachelors of Science in Kinesiology degree at West Texas A&M University. I decided to further my education in graduate school which is when we moved to the Dallas/Fort Worth area where I graduated from U.T. Southwestern Medical School with my Masters in Physical Therapy. Upon graduating and while expecting our oldest child, Leigh Ann and I were looking for a community to put down roots that had an excellent school system and felt like home.

That's when we found Mansfield and MISD.

We now have 3 kids (19y.o., 17y.o., 8y.o.), 2 of which are still in MISD. Leigh Ann and I have been small business owners in the healthcare industry based here in Mansfield for 11 years. We are both involved in the community in a variety of ways through; extensive involvement in our local church, community business groups, volunteering within MISD at the individual campus and district levels, PTSA, committee volunteers and many other ways.

**WHAT I BELIEVE**

The basis of who I am and what I believe comes from my faith. I am a Conservative Christian who looks at everything in my life through that lens. I have a love and respect of all, believing that we were all created in God's image and should be treated in that same manner.

I believe we live in the best country in the world and should honor and respect the values and freedoms that we are afforded because of that. Our founding principles should still be guiding us today in the ideals that all people are created equal; and that these people have enshrined upon them liberty, freedom and individual responsibility.

I believe it is our responsibility to guide and educate the next generation to seek after these same ideals in order for them to continue to grow and prosper as individuals, but also collectively as a nation.

I have decided to run for MISD School Board Trustee – Place 3 because I have a love and desire to serve others, see others grow and prosper, and see my child along with the other 35,000+ students in our district to strive to reach their highest potential. I plan to work to put *Students First* with their core education being at the forefront and not extraneous ideologies that compromise the educational process. I will work for *Teaching Excellence* in retaining our highly valued teachers and staff, recognizing their accomplishments and working to provide extra helps to lessen the strain on them. I will work towards our district providing *Safety & Security* from the rising physical, mental, spiritual and emotional threats that are attempting to undermine our children's well-being.

We live in a town and a school district that has believed in hard work and strived for excellence. I believe we need to continue to hold ourselves to those same lofty goals and demand those same high standards from our students, teachers, staff, administration, parents and school board trustees.