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### **Kristy Gnibus: Congressional Candidate & Millcreek School District Educator**

Kristy Gnibus is a mother, teacher and leader in our community. Raised by her mother – a Navy veteran and U.S. Postal worker – Kristy graduated from Seneca High School in Erie, Pa. and was the first in her family to attend college.

During her sophomore year of college, Kristy was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Scheduling her treatment and surgeries around her classes and work schedule, Kristy persisted and graduated from Mercyhurst University with a degree in education and later earned her principal certification from Edinboro University.

Today, she is also completing her dissertation for her PhD. in Leadership at Gannon University. She also teaches at McDowell Intermediate School and raises her daughters, Josephine (12) and Zoey (15). Kristy is also a Big Sister and an advocate for women and mental health.

In addition to teaching, parenting, mentoring and getting her daughters to swimming, gymnastics and other activities, Kristy works evenings as a bartender and occasionally drives for Uber to make sure she has the money for essentials and, occasionally, a fun trip with her girls.

