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At Denver Public Schools Foundation, we believe that our city is strengthened by every student who graduates ready to lead a successful life. At the DPS Foundation, we invest in accelerating progress, we connect the community to our classrooms, and we inspire confidence in the promise of public education.

After growing up in Rochester, NY, Elyse received a degree in Government from Suffolk University in Boston, MA. In 2012, she moved across the country to sunny southern California and started an Insurance & Medicare business. As a local business owner, she became involved with several community groups and ultimately became inspired to pursue non-profit work. In 2018, she got married and moved to her husband's hometown of Denver, CO, and started the search for a new career. The DPS Foundation was the perfect place to land!

Elyse loves when she has the opportunity to visit schools and see how the work impacts students and community members. When kids participate in SmartLab experiments and when parents take classes at the FACE center, it reaffirms that the funds the DPS Foundation raises change lives.

We know that when our students thrive, our city thrives. *I believe in our mission because a strong public school system is imperative not only to our children, but the entire community.*