

Questionnaire Answers

1. I am running for school board because I have two young children that will be in the school system soon and I want to help make it a better environment for them than what is currently in place. I feel the Lord has placed it on my heart to step up and serve where there is a great need. My goals for serving would include bringing back basics into the schools such as education and home economics to help kids learn how to stand on their own two feet and be contributing members of society.
2. I spent seven years as guardian ad litem and was able to mentor children as well as doing volunteer childcare work in the churches I attended. I have seen the struggles of our children in our schools and I want to help.
3. We need put more value in our teachers than in our football players. I feel that good quality teachers need better pay to help them sustain a lifestyle that will provide their needs and still be able to teach our kids with a quality education. I believe we need to invest in our teachers as much as in our kids because it's our teachers that the kids draw from when the parents are not available. We drop off our kids with trust that they will be taught well but not taking any interest in knowing for sure that our teachers are in a good place also to be able to do what we expect.
4. Order of importance
 - a. School safety
 - b. School staff and pay
 - c. Improving transparency
 - d. Finding a permanent solution
 - e. Expanding school choice
5. We need to reevaluate school improvement plans and see what needs to be addressed as well as meeting the state requirement for the guardian program. We should strive to go above and beyond the requirement.
6. As a parent myself, I believe parents should have a right to send their kids to whatever school they want or need. Scholarships are very important to meet the needs of our families in order to give the best quality education. Scholarships also make it possible for kids to improve their environment in situations where they are bullied. It gives them the option to go a charter school or private school, if necessary.
7. Parents should have a right to decide what their kids are learning in school. We have given too much control to the school system assuming that our children are in good hands. It has left them open for indoctrination that the parents have not been aware of nor would have ever agreed to allow in the classrooms. Government should have minimal involvement in deciding on our children's education unless it is directly related to improving their performance. As such, at this time, I feel it is imperative to have parental involvement over government and school board.
8. Parents should have a say in everything in which their children are involved. We should set up a voting system within the school that allow parents majority to decide what is best for our kids. The school system is a secondary authority whereas parents are the first but we have lost sight of that. We should take every opportunity possible to let the parents voice be heard.

9. First and foremost, children should come first and unions second. Anything that impedes our children's education needs to be addressed. If it is a union matter, we should absolutely give it merit because it involves our teachers who need our support as much as our children.
10. Behavior and attendance needs to be dealt with and is another area in which we need to support our teachers. If they discipline and we do not back them up, then it leaves our children with the idea that they can do what they want and there are no boundaries to keep them in check.
11. Absolutely. I would love to see where all the grants are being used as it would give a better understanding of where the money is being applied. We can then look to see where things can be moved to better provide salaries and supplies to our teachers.
12. As a former student with a learning disability, I was always appreciative of any extra help that would come my way. It didn't mean I didn't work less, but it helped me cope. Therefore, however we can best serve these programs should be done to the best of our ability. All students should have the same opportunities despite their mental capacity. Learning disabilities do not make you less smart, it only implies that you learn differently than the normal population.
13. Politics have no place in the school system. Agendas and ideologies should be left at the door. Children should be taught the facts and given the opportunity to make up their own minds rather than being indoctrinated.