



CANDIDATE STATEMENT

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Candidate for Member of the Board of Education

I am dedicated to the Fiscal Management and obtaining Educational Excellence for our school district.

Fiscal Management in the form of establishing a previously nonexistent capitol plan and capitol fund so as to provide our students with the best possible facilities with which to spend their days and learn. By establishing a time line for expected replacement of items such as roofs, boilers, HVAC, rugs, etc, the district can more readily predict amounts of funds expected to be required in a given year and budget accordingly. Sadly, up till now this has not been the case and the Board has had the difficult task of managing issues as they develop, utilizing earmarked funds which ultimately delay plans in other areas. Evaluation of the Strategic Plan and its implementation should be performed to asses the requirements for implementation beyond the dollar amount. Reevaluation of existing support staff and mentoring should be looked at so as to not reinvent the wheel.

Recognizing the difficult economic times and the effect on the taxpaying public, further taxes and referendums are a bitter pill to swallow for many. In times of police layoffs and pay freezes for Fire Departments and Public Works, yearly pay raises of 5-7% with generous benefit packages are a luxury the District can ill afford when expenditures are required elsewhere.

Regarding Educational Excellence, it is my intention that based on state wide exams, the District return to the top levels of performance once seen especially considering the cost per pupil that the District enjoys. There are many noted examples of Districts with a much lower cost per pupil expenditure having higher overall state examination results than what is seen. Continual IT enhancements, textbook review and professional accountability should all be evaluated so as to provide the educational excellence that our tax dollars and public demand.