

Hamilton Southeastern School Board Candidate Questions

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Educational Background	I have a BS from Indiana State University.
Years as a Fishers Resident?	14
Community Involvement Activities (Volunteer)	<p>Current volunteer positions:</p> <p>PTO Board Member; Member at Large - Riverside Intermediate, Riverside Junior High, Fishers High School</p> <p>PTO Committee Chairperson - (RSI & RJH) Haunted Hustle 5K, Hawk Parties, Spirit Wear, Social Media</p> <p>PTO Forum co-President - district wide</p> <p>Fishers High School Wrestling Booster Club - Member</p> <p>Riverside Junior High Cheerleading - co-Head Parent</p> <p>Previous Volunteer experience:</p> <p>PTO President - Fishers Elementary & Riverside Intermediate</p> <p>PTO Board & Committee member; various positions at Fishers Elementary 2010-2014</p> <p>Class Parent at Fishers Elementary, New Britton Elementary, Riverside Intermediate</p> <p>Classroom volunteer - FES & NBE 2006 - 2017</p> <p>Superintendent Advisory Council member - district wide 2015-2018</p> <p>Re-districting Committee member - district wide 2014</p> <p>7th grade Sunday School at Cornerstone Lutheran Church - 2014</p>
Leadership Experience	Most of my most current leadership experience stems from the PTOs here in HSE. From Class Room Parent to PTO President, leading a group of volunteers is something that I take pride in doing well.
1. What is your number one reason for wanting to serve on the school board?	I would like to be involved in decision making for our school district. I have found that I have a passion for public education and would like to see every student succeed, no matter how different that might look.
2. What role does policy play/have in the function of the board?	A pretty big one, actually. The school board operates under the policies of state and federal law but are also tasked with creating/maintaining policies in regards to the day-to-day operation of the schools in the district. For example, a school board is responsible for the district's budget; development of long-and short-term goals; establishing educational objectives, performance indicators, and student assessment systems; and approve curricular frameworks and standards for student achievement.

3. What legislative action at the state level would you support to improve education in our community.

I support

- increasing the use of student alternative assessments, such as formative tests in conjunction with ISTEP/ILEARN in attempt to lessen the amount of time spent preparing for standardized tests.
- Reduce the amount of public school money in the private school voucher program.
- providing funding for mandatory kindergarten in effort to prepare our students with basic skills.

4. What do you think is the biggest issue facing your district?

Student population and corresponding funding. We continue to grow as a district and face challenges with physical space. This can lead to over crowded schools and classrooms which can diminish learning potential. I believe our current superintendent and school board have a good handle on the issue and are taking steps to alleviate the problem, however, I think if funding is not increased, we may continue to have this problem as our city grows.

5. If you were elected what one thing would you like to accomplish during your term?

Explore alternative testing methods beyond standardized testing. Student learning and growth is dynamic and anything but standard and producing an adult ready for the 21st century world is of utmost importance.
(It was hard to choose just one 😊)

6. Do you or have you had children in the Hamilton Southeastern school system?

YES

Preferred Contact Information (How do you want voters to contact you?)

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