



**Candidate Questionnaire - School Board Member
August 2022 Primary Election**

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Today's date: 06/01/2022

What year did you move to Southwest Florida, and where were you living previously?
I moved to Southwest Florida in 2014. I was born and raised in Miami, Florida but decided to move my family to Naples for better upbringing.

What is your educational background and work experience?
I studied Education at Nova Southeastern University. I worked at a Middle School in Miami for a couple of years but was disheartened with the way education was going so I decided to go to the private sector. I now work for a non-profit and I mentor children in the foster system. I visit their classroom and work with them in order for them to make gains and be promoted to the next grade level. I am the administrator for my husband's business. He is a Financial Advisor for a Catholic Fraternal Organization.

Describe your community and School District activities. How will those experiences benefit you as a School Board member?
I have been teaching Faith Formation at my Church for the past seven years. I help my husband with the Knights of Columbus events which hold fundraisers for local schools, children in need and families that need general assistance.
I currently assist parents that struggle with their children in schools. For example, parents with students with special needs, most of them are not aware of what an IEP is or what services their child can receive for them to succeed in school and in life.

Describe a recent initiative on which you showed community leadership.
I have shown community leadership almost on a weekly basis. One example from this week, was their child was expelled from the school with no hearing or warning to the parents. I pointed her to the Code of Student Conduct so that she can contest the expulsion of her child. Also, I have helped numerous students and parents with accommodations that were necessary for the child to succeed. I will continue to do this as there is nothing more rewarding than when a child is achieving academic success.

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What changes, if any, would you like to make to the CCPS Policies?

1. Teacher training and retention. We need to focus on retaining our efficient teachers. We need to nurture them and find incentives to keep them on board and happy. They are demanding more and more of teachers in the classroom and in turn, their salaries are the same.
2. Reduce current spending. We need to investigate expenditures and see if we are efficient with the use of our funds. We need to focus on why schools have such a high rate of students failing regardless of language.
3. Look into turnaround time for placement of a child that is a non-English speaker and a student that has a learning disability. From my experience it takes six months to a year to have a student tested and placed in the proper classroom or with the assistance needed.
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What changes, if any, would you like to make to the CCPS Budget?

I would like to see more money spent in the classrooms for the child's educational needs not in administration or adding other positions at the district level.

What changes, if any, would you like to make to the CCPS Leadership?

In 2023, the Board will be looking in to hire a new Superintendent. I want a Superintendent that is a leader and takes priority in our children's success and ensures they are prepared for life. We need to promote problem solving.

What actions, if any, should the School District take to address the need for affordable housing?

The School District should not take any action for affordable housing. What the School District should do is compensate teachers a salary that is relative to the cost of living in Naples.

Please comment on the recent School Board votes to approve textbooks.

I am very concerned with the School Board votes with these recent math textbooks because they approved books that were not thoroughly reviewed, in my opinion. Some of the books that they approved were removed by the state because they had SEL/CRT in them! I volunteered to review said books and found many SEL references. I will be reviewing them once again to ensure that the publishers have made the appropriate changes.

What are your views about the parental rights and charter school movements as they relate to the School District? How would they influence your actions and decisions as a School Board member?

Children belong to the parents. Thank God for our governor which signed HB 1557 which protects parental rights. It is the parents right to decide where their child attends school and what type of education they want their child to receive. I am a supporter of school choice and the money following the student.

As a Board Member, I will continue to respect parental rights and ensure they are not infringed.

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