

# 2019 Shawnee Mission School Board

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## 1. Policy Questionnaire

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### 1. Candidate Information

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512 BOE Position 1

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## 2. (untitled)

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### 2. Occupation/Work History (last 5 years - 25 words or less)

I work as the Business Manger for Pear Tree Design & Antiques in Crestwood Shops in Kansas City, MO.

### 3. Most recent Political/Community experience? (25 words or less)

I have been elected to serve two terms on the SMSD Board of Education, represented the North Area (Position 1). I have served 8 years.

### 4. As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues? (25 words per line)

1 : SMSD's new Strategic Plan - collaborate and support the community's vision and monitor progress towards the goals that have been set.

2 : Student/Staff well-being – continue to work on addressing the needs and issues that face our students and staff that inhibit their ability to learn and teach.

3 : Experiential Learning for Students – Look at ways to expand opportunities for ALL students to assist them in becoming college and career ready.

### 5. The Kansas Supreme Court recently ruled the current school funding formula is both equitable and adequate, however, the Court retained jurisdiction over the case to assure the funding is maintained. Briefly, what are your thoughts on the new formula and the additional dollars that have been added to K-12 school funding? (100 words or less)

I was pleased that the current funding formula passed the court's test for both equity and adequacy. I was also pleased that the court maintained jurisdiction so that any potential attempts to decrease funding can be monitored. The funding increases over the past two years have allowed the district to budget for additional staff positions and increase compensation for staff members. It has also allowed for the budget to address increases in utilities costs, transportation, health insurance premiums and other key areas.

### 6. With the recent ruling by the Kansas Supreme Court that the new funding formula and related funding are constitutional, it is likely the legislature will look closely at accountability measures for student performance. Please describe the accountability measures you support and believe are reflective of student achievement. (100 words or less)

Student assessment data should be used as a gauge for student progress. I do support moving away from a system that relies exclusively on state assessment data as the only indicator of student success. I support other accountability indicators, that are included in the Kansas Can Vision, that include measures that focus on the needs of the whole child including kindergarten readiness, individual plans of study that focus on the career interest of the student, graduation rates, social-emotional growth as well as post-secondary completion rates.

### 7. Kansas is experiencing all-time low unemployment rates and employers are struggling to find qualified workers, especially in technical and skilled trades. How do you see the Shawnee Mission School District helping to meet our business community's future workforce needs through technical education and training? (100 words or less)

For years, SMSD Signature Programs have provided our students the opportunity to explore unique areas of study in preparation for specialized academic and future career opportunities. For example, Project Blue Eagle, the newest signature program, was born out of a need that our surrounding municipalities expressed because they lacked candidates to fill positions in both law enforcement and fire fighting. It's been a huge success. Additionally, SMSD has received a grant from the Kauffman Foundation and is in the design-plan phase year exploring ways to scale system-wide access to quality real world learning high school experiences.

### 8. Other than funding, what do you see as the greatest challenge facing the district? (100 words or less)

The single most important issue that I would like to see improvement on doing my third term would be addressing the gaps that are present in student achievement data for our diverse student population. The SMSD has gaps in achievement data that mirror gaps that other district's see. Our new Strategic Plan indentifies this work as an area of emphasis over the next five years. The district has hired personnel and also has invested in system-wide training for both administrators and staff over the next three years. These are two important first steps and I look forward to seeing progress.

**9. Why are you seeking public office? (100 words or less)**

I am a proud SMSD graduate, as our both of my children. We received an outstanding education and I want to be part of seeing that trajectory of excellence continue for all of students now and in the future. I have proven leadership skills and have served in leadership roles in every organization I have been involved with since college. I am an independent, non-partisan, positive, and proven consensus builder on the board. I am well respected within the community and excited about the opportunity to continue to serve and represent our school district to the best of my ability.