

Olathe USD #233 Board of Education 2021

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

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2. Candidate for Board Seat

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2. Candidate Background

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

Commercial Banking Operations & Commercial Loan Servicing

8. If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list which organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held.

Olathe Chamber - Finance Committee
Olathe Chamber CVB - Advisory Council
Olathe Chamber CVB - Sports Commission
2007 Graduate of Leadership Olathe

9. Other recent political/community experience (50 words or less)

Volunteer - Youth Sports Coach
Volunteer - Youth ministry at Church
Engaged at local elementary school

3. Issues and Policy

10. As a candidate, what are your top three education policy issues? (100 words or less)

Student Academic Achievement
Teacher Recruitment, Retention, and Recognition
Parental Choice and Engagement

11. The Kansas Supreme Court ruled the current K-12 education funding formula is both equitable and adequate. The Court,

however, has retained jurisdiction over the case to assure funding is maintained. What are your thoughts on the formula and additional funding that has been added? (100 words or less)

Will need to do more research in order to provide an informed response. Funding should be appropriate for covering the expenses needed to operate efficiently. We need to make sure we are being wasteful with funds but also need to maintain adequate funding so there is not shortfall for necessary programs.

12. The K-12 education system requires accountability measures for student performance, focused on post-secondary success and career-readiness. Do you believe the District is meeting expectations for student achievement? (100 words or less)

No. Student Achievement is down and we must focus on getting these metrics back up at least above the national average or higher.

13. Kansas is experiencing low unemployment rates and employers are struggling to find qualified workers. How do you see the school district helping to meet the business community's future workforce needs through work-based learning such as internships, training, and other career exploration opportunities? (100 words or less)

I believe the programs like the 21st century program and other partnerships with local businesses allow students access to resources to help them determine the career path they want to pursue. I believe some of these programs are starting too early (middle school) thus taking away valuable time needed to establish an academic foundation that students need to succeed in High School and College.

14. What do you believe the takeaways for the District should be, if any, from the COVID-19 pandemic experience? (100 words or less)

People will always have differences of opinions so it is important to focus on things that are important and relevant to the district and stay focused on always providing opportunities for students to learn.

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

Political ideologies being presented by teachers to students. We need to keep out (or remove) all of the political activism and agendas from our schools and focus solely on academics.

16. Why are you seeking this public office? (100 words or less)

I want to see the Olathe School District be successful so that my children and the other 30,000 students in the school district can receive the best education possible.

17. What makes you uniquely qualified to serve on the Board and most distinguishes you from your opponent(s) in this race? (100 words or less)

I am the only true conservative candidate willing to stand up for conservative values while also focusing on student achievement.