

Information Sheet for Board of Education Candidates

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Questions

1. Do you currently have children in the White Plains Schools or have you had children in the schools in the past?

I currently have two children in the White Plains School district.

2. There are many ways individuals can serve the community. Why have you chosen to run for the school board?

As a lifelong resident of White Plains and having gone through the White Plains School district, I have chosen to run for the White Plains School Board so I can continue to serve my community. I feel it is an important responsibility to work with our community and schools so that all children can have an opportunity to succeed. As a current PTAMember, I know the importance of working side by side with our schools to give our students access to experiences and opportunities for all.

3. What particular skills or experiences qualify you to serve as a school board member? In what school or district activities have you been involved?

I am very involved in my children's school, from organizing events, to volunteering during lunch and I currently serve as the PTA secretary for my children's school. I have worked closely with parents, teachers, and the principle to help facilitate events and activities. I have worked with the PTA in fundraising so we can offer programs for little to no cost for our students, and not add cost to our school district.

4. What do you think is the most important role of a school board member?

I believe the most important role of school board member is to work with the Superintendent, parents, and educators to help students succeed and to ensure that the school is building a bridge with the community. Part of the responsibility of a schoolboard member is to ensure that the school budget is fiscally responsible and that we are including key stakeholders from each department to the decision-making process.

5. What are 2-3 strengths of which the White Plains Public Schools can be proud?

The White Plains School District provides a multitude of opportunities for all our students and families. At the elementary level being able to offer school choice is a unique opportunity that not many districts can offer. Each school provides and targets the values of the families of our community. For example, we have schools that offer bilingual education that in the long run would address the seal of biliteracy as a graduation pathway. We also offer STEM opportunities. Our schools value the voice of our families.

6. What are the White Plains Schools' greatest challenges?

As the population of White Plains continues to grow, we need to make sure that we continue to address all the needs of our student's, English language learners, students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students and our gifted and talented students. We need to make sure that we continue to offer as many opportunities as possible to our students that we can. We also need to make sure there is transparency with decision making process and that we move away from top-down decisions.

7. At the end of your term on the School Board, what would you hope to have been the accomplishment you are most proud of!

At the end of my term on the school board I hope that we have as a school district where our process of decision making, takes in consideration all voices; staff, parents, students and tax payers and all decisions are made with the children first.