



Voter Guide for the 2020 Election: Blanco County

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Johnson City ISD School Board Place 7: term of office - 3 years

The Johnson City ISD Board of Trustees consists of seven trustees elected by eligible voters to serve a three-year term. Each trustee serves in an at-large numbered position for the term and represents the entire school district. Elections are held annually on the May uniform election date. Johnson City ISD includes portions of Blanco, Gillespie, and Llano counties.

Duties: adopt goals and priorities and monitor success; adopt policies and review for effectiveness; hire and evaluate the superintendent; adopt a budget and set a tax rate; and communicate with the community.

Table with 2 columns: Cristol Corpus and Carlette Lewis. Rows include Email, Phone, and Website for both candidates.

1. What experience and knowledge qualifies you to serve as a member of the school board for Johnson City ISD?

Corpus: As a native resident of Johnson City, proud graduate of JCISD, and parent of enrolled students I have a vested interest in the future of our district. Having served in Place 7 and previously serving as a Stonewall Head Start board member, gives me a strong background in advocating for all stakeholders of JCISD. I am also involved in the JC Community Education Foundation and hold officer positions in JC Woman's Civic Club and JC Athletic Boosters. I am confident in my ability to serve another term and help guide the district in an ever-changing educational setting.

Lewis: I am a JCISD parent, business woman, and previous educator. I hold teaching certifications in General Education, Special Education, and ESL. I have experienced the classroom environment as an educator, and completed and taught numerous trainings. I know what our educators work through each and every day. As a parent, I experience my son's successes and challenges in the classroom. I have met with State Officials, and US Congressmen to discuss school district issues that we are faced with in JCISD. I work closely with these officials to gain perspective and provide guidance as to school district needs.

2. What is the most pressing issue facing the JCISD and what do you hope/plan to do about it?

Corpus: The most pressing issue facing JCISD is the safety and well-being of the students and all stakeholders involved with the education process. The COVID pandemic has created many challenges for JCISD and keeping the community informed of these changes is a prime concern. The district must be able to operate under the state and local mandates while still providing a quality educational experience. Supporting the district in balancing resources, technology, and safety protocols to help facilitate all learners educational experience is and will be one of my top priorities.

Lewis: There are two very important issues facing JCISD, one is preparing students for post HS graduation, whether it be continuing academics, trade school or the work force. The other is school funding. While each is extremely important, the most pressing issue is school funding, as it directly impacts programs. Yearly JCISD pays out over 2 million dollars to the State in recapture funds. School boards have limited influence on how the state funds schools, but school boards have the ability to make recommendations. I have had candid discussions with State Legislators regarding school finance, and have received very positive feedback.



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3. What are the citizens who live in the school district telling you about school problems?

Corpus: The COVID pandemic has taken precedence for many of our citizens and heighten their concerns over other issues students will face throughout the year. A struggle for our rural community has been providing access to remote learners. Another worry is the long-term impact on the developmental growth of our students. Ensuring that students are provided as normal of a school year as possible including extra-curricular activities in the safest environment is the focus of many. That said, the current environment does not take the attention from the ongoing matters of fiscal responsibility, board transparency, and educational accountability.

Lewis: I reached out to several individuals asking what their concerns were. Three topics surfaced repeatedly. School budget management/funding, vocational training, and expanded school programs to enrich student success. Citizens want to ensure that their tax dollars are being spent wisely, and they are very concerned about school funding. Voters expressed that they believe more CTE courses should be available to students, such as auto tech and building trades. They expressed that students should be able to have a diverse skill set when leaving HS. Lastly, citizens want to see more creative courses and college preparedness courses available to students.

BLANCO COUNTY EARLY VOTING IN TWO LOCATIONS WITH CURB-SIDE VOTING AVAILABLE:

VOTE AT EITHER LOCATION FOR EARLY VOTING

Table with 7 columns: Day, Date, Location, Time. Rows for Oct 11-17, Oct 18-24, and Oct 25-31.

Election Day: Tuesday - November 3 Locations open from 7:00am to 7:00pm

Voter must go to the precinct location on the voter registration card.

Table with 4 columns: Precinct #, Voting Location, Address, City. Lists precincts 102 through 401.

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https://www.co.blanco.tx.us/page/blanco.Elections