VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION HAZEL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OAKLAND AREA

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8 Candidates for School District Board Member for FOUR 4-year terms

CANDIDATES for <u>SCHOOL BOARD</u> FOUR 4-year terms Vote for no more than FOUR	Question 1 (<u>150 Words or less</u>): Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for School Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position that you are running for.	Question 2 (<u>150 Words or less</u>): What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?
MELISSA BALDWIN 1636 E. Madge Ave. Hazel Park, MI 48030	My name is Melissa Baldwin and I've lived in Hazel Park since since 2012. My children are 4th generation Hazel Park students and three of them are current students. I want to be proactive in their education and after volunteering here in many ways I feel this is the next step in advocating for students and families. I started volunteering with fundraising for Hazel Raiders and helping at Webb Elementary, and have continued volunteering through Challenge Day and Senior All-Night Party Planning. I am a member of the Hazel Park Recreation Advisory board and Community Coalition, and served on the Scout Park Steering Committee and Moving Forward Committee to reopen schools. My professional background is in Child Development in which I have over 15 years experience. I've been an office manager, a bus driver, lead & assistant teacher, paraprofessional in mainstream and with special needs students in Hazel Park. I feel this gives me a well rounded perspective and the skills for this position	First I would address the communication between the school administration and Hazel Park families. Communication needs to be clear, single issue, and easy to access, and we need to create and communicate volunteer opportunities. I would monitor and and make efforts to change communication policies. Second is our college prep program. I want to grow and equally promote college prep and career training programs. I will encourage finding more opportunities to partner with college and businesses to help our students transition to post-secondary education. Third, expand curriculum to identify the needs of our struggling AND advanced students for them to stay engaged and excited to learn, and to strive for increased graduation rate. I would encourage staff and teacher suggestions for ways to cater to both of these student groups. I have more than these three issues I'd like to work on and further explanation. Questions and conversation is welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.
HEIDI FORTRESS 23441 Hughes Ave. Hazel Park, MI 48030	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	

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ROSE MARY HAMMONDS 103 E. Shevlin Hazel Park, MI 48030	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
CHARLES HEMPLE 1203 E. Hayes Ave. Hazel Park, MI 48030	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
IAN LLOYD 992 E. Mahan Ave. Hazel Park, MI 48030	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
DAWN RICE 23051 Vance Hazel Park, MI 48030	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
KRISTY SCHLAK 1812 E. Harry Ave. Hazel Park, MI 48030	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
LANCE STARLER 55 E. Shevlin Ave. Hazel Park, MI 48030	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	

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