

**VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION  
WALLED LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

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**3 Candidates for School District Board Member for TWO 6-year terms**

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<p><b>STEPHANIE KAPLAN</b> 4488 Philip Ln. Commerce, MI 48382</p>	<p>I am a mother of three Walled Lake graduates, and have a master’s degree in social work. During my children's time in school, I was actively involved in the PTA/PTSA’s. I held numerous leadership positions on the executive boards, both in the elementary and middle school level, including President for four years for each school. I then went on to become the Walled Lake Council President for three years. I served Walled Lake Central High School as their music booster President for three years. I have also chaired the redistricting committee and bonds committees for the district. I continue to sit on the parenting fair committee, which I have been a member for the last seven years. I have proven my dedication to Walled Lake Schools and am passionate about making the District the best for every child.</p>	<p>The top three priority issues I see facing our District are 1) The need for continued advocacy 2) Keeping children and staff safe and 3) Retaining and acquiring innovative educators.</p> <p>Continued advocacy: As I have done in the past, I will continue to lobby my state and federal legislators for increased funding for our public schools. I have gone to Lansing and D.C., written letters, made phone calls on behalf of our community, and have encouraged our community to get involved with doing the same. I will share all legislative information received with all stakeholders and encourage their continued advocacy for our schools.</p> <p>Keeping children and staff safe: We are facing one of the most critical times in our children’s education because of Covid - 19. This is in addition to the threats we face with active shooters, bullying, and their emotional well-being, something we must continue to prioritize. My goal is to get the kids back to face-to-face education when it is safe for our students</p>

## WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS (Continued)

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<p><b>JOEL MURAV</b> 7350 Water Oaks Dr West Bloomfield, MI 48324</p>	<p>As a father of 3 young kids, who are all in the Walled Lake District, I want to help the community come together in our time of need. We need to continue to support our teachers, students, parents, and community members through these unprecedented times. As a former legislative rep for the Keith PTA, and as a continued volunteer within the school, I want to help be a positive voice for the community. I plan to help disseminate factual communications to the public and bring their concerns when appropriate to my fellow board members. Working as an IT Project Manager for a consulting firm; I am faced with making tough decisions daily. While it is a team effort, as the Project Manager, I am the one who is ultimately held responsible for the success or failure of the project. I feel that my experience working with a global team, managing project timelines &amp; budgets, &amp; navigating high-pressure situations, provides me with a perspective that will be helpful as a board member.</p>	<p>1) In-Person Learning: Everyone's safety &amp; desire to get back to in-person learning. We need to work closely with medical professionals, the CDC, and our community members with expertise in the fields to create a plan that is safe for both teachers and students to return to classroom learning.</p> <p>2) School Funding: Public school funding is repeatedly being cut by our government. We need to work closely with our legislative representatives and put a plan in place that will help fund our districts. Ultimately, if we don't act, we will lose our exemplary educators and our children will suffer.</p> <p>3) Targeting the needs of EVERY student: Recognizing education is not a one size fits all. As a community, we need to continue working on balancing funding for all programs: Special Needs, Gifted &amp; Talented, Student Counseling, Clubs/Sports, etc. need to be available for all families. We need to continue partnering with our State Reps and District Administration to be an advocate for the community.</p>
<p><b>CRAIG PETERSON</b> 3829 Canute Rd. Commerce, MI 48382</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	

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