

2019 Candidates Questionnaire - FWPS

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Thank you for your interest in serving our community as an elected official. The Greater Federal Way Chamber of Commerce extends the invitation to all candidates to complete its Candidate Questionnaire. The questionnaire and your answers will be shared with the community via our website, fedwaychamber.com. In addition, completed questionnaires will be compiled and distributed to our Membership in a special publication. To meet production, deadline is 4 p.m. on September 6, 2019. About the Questionnaire. There are four sections to the Questionnaire. Please limit your answers to no more than 200 words max for each question.

1 Full Name:

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2 Position you are seeking:

Federal Way School Board, Director District #3

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Business and Economic Issues

8 **How do you think the five goals in the FWPS 2020 strategic plan support and enhance the business climate for our region?**

The strategic plan gets to the heart of what all parents, community members, and business owners want; a thriving community. The plan supports scholars being productive members of society, being critical thinkers, and graduates that are college and career ready. Our oldest recently had his first job interview with a local small business owner; the pride he had when he got the job was priceless. This confidence spurred him to keep getting good grades, build relationships in the neighborhood, and develop a strong work ethic. The community feedback from programs like the Scholar Art in the City initiative highlights the power and beauty of school and business partnerships. I want to thank all those that have served in or on behalf of our youth. Thriving schools don't happen alone. Great schools lead to great communities. As your Board Director, I will continue to support and enhance the strong partnerships with the business community.

9 **As a School Board working within City limits, what role do you believe the City of Federal Way should have in ensuring the safety of our school communities?**

The City of Federal Way and the School District serve many of the same constituents. School safety is something everyone is rightfully concerned about and a high priority for both parties. Having worked as a Children's Crisis Therapist, Community Accountability Board member for Federal Way Juvenile Diversion Program, and former FEMA First Responder, I can attest to the importance of a strong community wrap-around support network. I recently went on a tour of the FW Police Station and took the opportunity to learn about what is working and explore what we advance for school safety. The City must stay in close working communication with schools and be willing to invest in the safety of the community. Keeping 23,000 scholars safe, calls for partnership with the city, non-profit organizations, businesses, King County, and our legislators. As your Board Director, I will continue to support communication, collaboration, and creating action steps to keep our children safe.

10 **As a Pivotal Partner, how do you envision the School District working with the Chamber of Commerce on workforce and talent pipeline initiatives?**

As I mentioned above, having the business community partner with schools is key to the success of our scholars. Having a teen, I have seen first hand what being able to see successful business owners, to work locally, and shop locally can change a teens perspective. The mentorship, the hand-on experience, and confidence they build will help them become thriving individuals. I envision scholars having hands-on learning opportunities and being able to job shadow various employment opportunities. Creating a talent pipeline means delivering college and career-ready workforce of the future.

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Political Engagement

11 **Have you sought elective office before? If so, please describe the office, the level and outcome.**

No

12 **Do you have any previous experience with the local government office you seek? If yes, please describe.**

I was appointed to the School Board in the fall of 2018, after the passing of a beloved community member Mildred Ollie. I applied for the appointment, wanting to support the community at a time of need. As a current parent, it is easy to see the issue and I thought, why not be a part of the solution. I am a current FWPS parent, special needs parent, and college educator that brings forth experience, integrity, and solutions. In the past nine months, I have spent my time learning what it means to serve on the School Board. I have been listening to concerns of our community and building relationship with those that value our children and want to make positive change. I was proud to vote in favor of our much-needed curriculum adoption, adding new safety measures in schools, and not raising education taxes. Voting Phillips for Schools, means voting for someone invested in our scholar's success, experience in educational leadership, and ready to serve.

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Campaign Activity and Finance

13 **What is your campaign budget, how much have you raised, and what are your primary sources of funding?**

I have raised around 10K, with the support of my neighbors, community members, and local organizations. Thank you to everyone that has supported me, it has been a humbling and moving experience. If we have not had a chance to meet, I hope we do! You are welcome to join me, my contact information is below. I would love to hear from you.

14 **Please share your major endorsements from the South Sound region (This scope should include the surrounding South King area in**

addition to Federal Way itself).

I am grateful for the endorsement of the Federal Way Education Association, and many of our local leaders like Mayor Ferrell, Councilmember Assefa-Dawson, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Moore, Sen. Wilson, Rep. Reeves, Rep. Pellicciotti. Most importantly the various parents and community members that have asked me to bring forth the hard-working, compassionate values of the Federal Way.

15 Have you contracted with a firm or individual to manage your campaign? If so, please provide the name and address of the firm/individual. If not, what are your plans regarding management of the campaign?

I have not, I want to be a fiscally responsible as possible. I have some awesome community volunteers that have helped in a huge way. If you would like to volunteer or donate, please send me an email or follow me on Facebook.