

## 02/20/2023 Spotlight Elevate Engage

In 150 words or less, please answer the following questions:

**1. D64 will soon be hiring a new Superintendent. If elected, how would you work to support the Superintendent in achieving the District's goals and mitigate disruptions and distractions?**

I would continue to prepare for meetings and participate in committees; respect the person's time while also bringing matters to the person's attention; and listen to input/suggestions from administration.

**2. Please share one goal that you would like to help achieve if elected to the D64 school board.**

The board governs through its policies. I would like to rejoin the policy committee to make sure our board policies continue to be updated as appropriate and that the board is informed of all revisions.

**3. Is it the role of school boards to be involved in operational decisions (such as the selection of books and course materials, the designation of snow days and the scheduling of student concerts)? Why or why not?**

Yes – to the extent that it's a duty of the board. For example, while the curriculum committees are comprised of administrators and teachers and the board is informed of their recommendations, the board has a legal duty to "approve the curriculum, textbooks, and educational services." (Policy 2:20.) With respect to the designation of snow days, the board is required to establish the school year; it must also provide notice and hold a public hearing before approving an e-learning program. Policy 2:20 provides that the board has a duty to communicate "the schools' activities and operations to the community" and represent "the needs and desires of the community in educational matters."

**4. Under what circumstances would you consider limiting the inclusion of certain books or materials in a library? Who should be responsible for making those decisions?**

I would consider limiting certain materials if they're found to violate the board's policy on publications (7:310), which states: "School authorities may edit or delete material that is inconsistent with the district's educational mission." The administration should be responsible for making those decisions, with input from the board, as necessary.

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### **5. Do you think incorporating principles of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) and social-emotional learning (SEL) in school curriculum is appropriate? Why or why not?**

DEI and SEL are both appropriate so that all students receive equal educational opportunities. The board unanimously approved the strategic plan that was recommended by the committee on April 1, 2021. Enhancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and access is one of the goals of the strategic plan. In addition, improving the SEL program is part of the plan goal of exploring program expansion.

### **6. Have any organizations provided contributions, materials or training to your campaign or otherwise endorsed your candidacy?**

Yes

### **7. If yes, please name each organization.**

I received endorsements from organizations when I ran for the board four years ago, but I haven't received any yet for this election (or haven't been informed of them as of the date of these answers). I also received trainings during the last election but haven't sought or received any this year, besides watching IASB webinars. I haven't received materials from anyone in either election cycle. I'm not accepting contributions during this election, and during the last election, the contributions I received were from individuals—not organizations. As a board member, I represent the interests of the entire community, regardless of endorsements or other support.