

Thank you along with your party reaching out to me-GCSD School Board #6 Candidate for Q&A's.

First and foremost my name is Rev. Ronald O. Thompson, Sr., where I served nearly three years as Senior Pastor at Covenant Missionary Baptist Church located in Georgetown, South Carolina. As a child, I've lived in Georgetown County and attend its schools. I met my wife, Terra Smalls of 25 years of Pawleys Island in which we raised our three children- Ronald Jr. WHS c/o 2018, Ronnesha WHS c/o 2015 and Ishondi WHS c/o 2011. All attended and/or graduated from a college/university.

My children attended all of Waccamaw Neck schools & its After School programs: PICDC, PICA, WES, WIS, WMS, WHS & Teach My People.

I've have been advocate for children, neighboring children and aboard for over fifteen years. I'm a lifelong teacher- always advised, taught or demonstrate strategies to be the changes or how to be better.

The schools curriculum is a content revolving door that changes frequently as our children. The courses that's set for children reflects what we hope to excell them. GCSD, I believe promotes a variety of activitieson all level that fosters the educational needs for our children. But there's ONE thing I would like to implement- that is Foreign Language to begin as earliest 1st grade. We have the technology, the trades (vocational training), science etc...and diffidently need more, more and more our children vested in them. I also strongly believe our world is advancing to foreign relations and we should also advance our children into foreign language as early as 1st grade. This would change the trajectory for all our children's educational and foreign relation aspect.

Teachers only should decide what textbook and/or online. They are the ones teaching our students. Of course, their choice(s) should be approved by the district though. This is effectively done at all colleges and universities. Let the teachers be even the more innovative in their studies in a culturative decision.

When elected to the GCSD school board, I will do my absolute best to be the voice for the Teachers, Parents and Students to address their educational needs to the Board. How I plan to do this...request permission to attend school meetings (i.e. PTA's, Student Council) Recreational and Community meetings. Be readily available at all times.

Other COVID-19, I believe our most important issue is making sure ALL our students are being accounted for. We need to make sure ALL our children attending virtually and remotely- just like as if they were attending school full time. And I feel deeply about "Increasing Teacher Pay!"

I believe you should Stay In Your Own District meaning attend school in your own district. I'm not for Choice School. All schools should be set with the best. No student should have get up 4:00am to seek better and travel great distance to school.

Schools are funded locally, by the state and by the federal government. The school district should adherent adequate understanding to acquire monies from all entities to keep from derailing the future of our students. What's the exact percentage the district actually gets is unknown to me at this moment. But if I'm elected it's question that deserves an answer. Our teacher depends on it. Our teacher are leaving our district for higher pay at other districts.

The Bill of Rights; The Constitution of the United States all should still be taught but not anything in too much detail. Really, in public school my generation, my children didn't read the whole Constitution. We learned the parts of both i.e. vocabularies, amendments, separation of powers, three branches) that's about it.

Respectfully submitted

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