

Hays County Tejano Democrats School Board Election May 7 2024 Candidate Questionnaire: Hays CISD

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Why are you running for school board?

I am running for the position of Trustee At-Large in order to make a bigger difference in my community. I want to be a sympathetic ear for fellow parents and a builder of relationships across the district. As the owner of my own home-based preschool, I have been able to connect with other parents living in this district at the most critical time of their children's learning. Families have trusted me to guide their young children for the past 3 years. Now I am asking for your vote so I can do the same for you.

What steps will you take to address the achievement gap and other disparities faced by students of color and those from low-income families?

I have lived in 4 other countries and traveled to many more, including Central America. Diversity is something I embrace. I want to lift up marginalized voices whenever possible through school and district events and by encouraging active participation in the district. Every member is valued, regardless of socioeconomic status, gender, identity, race, or cultural background. Funding is one of the best ways to address the achievement gap. It's important to me that school funds are distributed equitably across the district. For schools with a higher concentration of economically disadvantaged students, more funds will be required to address their basic needs first and then their academic ones. As the district grows, we will need to add more schools. It's important that we pay attention to where the growth is happening while also maintaining the schools that already exist.

What is your position on school bonds, and what factors do you believe are most important to consider when deciding whether to support or oppose a bond measure?

I believe school bonds are necessary, especially at this time when state funding is being held hostage in exchange for voucher programs. However, what the bonds go to is important to consider. As a Trustee, I will do everything I can to ensure funding addresses the greatest needs of our district first while looking for creative solutions to other problem areas.