Adam Dossa responses

Candidate for Calgary Board of Education Wards 1 & 2

1. Do you agree with calls to scrap the draft curriculum and start over to develop a curriculum that is accurate in capturing Alberta's colonial history, diverse present, and modernized to reflect the world we live in?

As a parent and member of the community, I want my son and other children to be able to learn skills that will help them succeed in life. I rely on those professionals in Alberta to help determine what those skills are and how to prepare my son and others for them.

2. Do you believe the current education funding formula is sufficient for your district? If not, how will you work to convince the province to provide sustainable and adequate funding?

The scope of our schools has grown substantially beyond simple education. 20%-25% of Calgary's population is involved daily in our K-12 school system. Diverse and significant funding from all provincial and federal departments should be included to reflect the broad scope of our schools and significant portion of our population that is served daily by it.

3. Will you oppose privatization of school services and infrastructure, including Public-Private Partnerships aka P3s? Will you support bringing previously privatized services in-house?

I am not opposed to the P3's within reason. If a partnership makes sense that will positively benefit the schools and benefit the future of the children, this would be something I would consider and investigate further. I would be reaching out to my constituents before making any decision of this sort.

4. Will you support your employees and your community by ensuring the school board employs staff with living wages, full-time hours where desired, job security, and collective bargaining rights?

As a parent and community member, I'm interested in what is in the best interest of my kids and other children of my community. Ensuring teachers are well paid and have a healthy work environment ensures that our kids have the best opportunities to succeed.

5. Will you oppose attempts from the provincial government to legislate against school staff including cuts to the Local Authorities Pension Plan, or restrictions on their right to strike?

I would oppose these attempts if they were unreasonable and unnecessary. I will work with all parties involved to find a solution that is beneficial to all involved individuals.

6. Do you support measures such as mask mandates, and vaccine mandates for staff to limit and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in your schools?

I am opposed to mandatory vaccinations and masking for anyone and not just the schools. I believe in a persons right to choose what they put into their bodies and that their Freedoms should never be infringed upon by mandates that remove their right to decide what is best for them. I believe as far as staff goes, it should be a personal decision without bias.