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Candidate for Calgary Board of Education Wards 12 & 14

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 a resident of the local community, I want my kids to learn skills that will help them succeed in the world that awaits them. I rely on those professionals in Alberta to help determine what those skills are and how to prepare my kids 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 daily involved 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 daily served 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?

As a parent and community member, I'm not familiar with this topic. I'm interested in what is in the best interest of my kids and the kids of my community. If opposing privatization does that, then I support it.

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 the kids 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?

As a parent and community member, I'm not familiar with this topic. I'm interested in what is in the best interest of my kids and the kids of my community. If opposing legislation does that, then I support it.

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?

The AHS is our primary authority on medical issues in this province. I support the competent professionals at AHS that make the relevant regulations to keep us all safe and ensure our kids and teachers can excel in a healthy environment.