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Candidate for Lethbridge Public School Trustee

Question 1:

I 100% support the scraping of the new draft curriculum. In my platform I believe in Creating a Welcoming Inclusive Learning Environment. This is achieved by fostering an anti-racist and reconciliatory learning environment must be a priority. No matter what race, religion, or background our children need to feel safe and included. This includes a focus on reconciliation and anti-racist learning environments at the forefront of all decisions made by the Lethbridge School Division.

I want to facilitate action and discussion on the enactment of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to action related to education. I want to apply the lessons from this application to make sure all marginalized groups feel they are supported.

I want to find ways to educate our children on indigenous history, LGBTQ+ issues, BIPOC issues, and the ongoing legacy of residential schools.

I believe appropriate education methods need to be developed alongside community members to help maximize inclusive and appropriate learning opportunities.

Question 2:

I do not feel the recent cuts are fair to Alberta families. We need to fund our education system to allow our children the tools to succeed in a global labour market. I want to be an active participant with government, someone willing to sit at the table and negotiate, without political bias. I firmly believe that approaching government with evidential proof, can often be persuasive in achieving more funding.

Question 3:

Our kids and our families can't compete at this time with a P3 or privatized system. We need to provide resources to help our teachers skill up with new technology and modern techniques. Watching the bottom line and making profit on our children's education is wrong.

Question 4:

Without a doubt. Teachers, support staff, and administration all want the best for our children. Educators need a good living wage so their focus can be on teaching, not living paycheque to paycheque.

Question 5:

I will oppose actions that would stifle the right for any work to express their concerns via a strike. Whether you support a decision to strike or not, one should never oppose a worker's free choice to make the decision they want to make and be accountable for the consequences or benefits that may arise. Pensions are a powerful tool in recruiting talented educators. Reducing the ability for an educator to plan for their future will only harm our kids.

Question 6:

100%. I work for AHS in the CDC Covid team. I understand first-hand the realities of this pandemic. I speak to the sick and ill daily, and will protect our children, staff, and families from the nightmare that can come from contracting COVID. We are a community, and we all need to do our part to keep our children safe and sound while they focus their education. I have both of my vaccines, and still contracted COVID-19. I firmly believe that I was able to heal and come out the other side without need of an ICU bed, because of those important vaccines. I support keeping protective measure in place till the medical and science communities deem it safe to do otherwise.