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Curriculum:

I am fully in support of scrapping the draft curriculum.

Funding:

I do not believe that the current education funding formula is sufficient for the Calgary Catholic School District. Being a newcomer trying to become a Trustee for the CSSD. I will need some guidance as to what has been previously done. I am more than willing to become a strong advocate for not only the students, parents, teachers but all employees of the CSSD.

Privatization Including P3s:

I will separate the two.

P3s:

I do not support of the use of P3s in any way shape or form. I feel that by using the P3 model it is a way for the Government to simply put off the major investment that is required to fund the building of schools today. I have been personally impacted by the cutbacks in funding of new school projects. It needs to be done correctly the first time. If this is not followed it just ends up costing more money in the end.

Privatization:

Once again, I have been impacted by the privatization of school services. I am a recently retired high school teacher of 25 years with the CSSD who has taught in 4 different high schools. My experience for the last 11 years has been that of substandard cleaning expectations. My most recent school employed a private cleaning company to maintain the school's cleanliness. It was by far inferior to the standards that had been set in other schools.

Schools as Employers:

I have taught for many years that minimum wage salaries are not acceptable for anyone trying hard to be successful in life. We must be providing our staff with a salary of a living wage. In my mind it goes without saying that full-time hours, job security and collective bargaining rights goes hand in hand with creating a workplace where our employees can take pride in their work and want to be employees of the CSSD.

COVID Safety

I am in full agreement that the Provincial response to our experience in Alberta concerning COVID safety has been less than acceptable. I am in full support of mask mandates and vaccine mandates to all staff to help limit and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our schools.

