

COLLIN COUNTY



**CITIZENS
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Voter's Guide

2024

School Board Elections



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To the voters of Collin County:

For your benefit to better understand the candidates on the May 2024 ballot, Citizens Defending Freedom of Collin County has assembled, distributed, and collated the answers to a questionnaire that was sent to all school board candidates in the races included in this guide.

The questions were the same for each candidate. The responses of the candidates were not censored or edited in any way. They are provided to allow the voters insight into the views and thoughts of the people who have put themselves forth as candidates for school board. Some candidates chose not to respond as noted on the guide.



Prosper ISD 4-6

Celina ISD 7-9

Frisco ISD 10-12

Community ISD13-14

NOTE: All Candidates across the county were invited to fill out the questionnaire. If you do not see your district represented, the candidate chose to have NO RESPONSE.

2024 Local Election Candidate Questionnaire
 ~ Prosper ISD Place 4 At Large

	Lanford Rodgers	Bill Beavers
List and explain in order of importance your top 3 priorities in your school district.	1. Achieving student excellence and safety. 2. Growth, not to overbuild and use taxpayers' money wisely. 3. Maintaining and attracting good educators.	No Response
Name 3 areas of experience/skills/training you have that would be advantageous as a school board member?	1. Product of public schooling 2. I have 3 kids, 1 in college that graduated from PHS in 2023, 1 currently in PHS and 1 in PISD elementary. 3. Former state trooper/ juvenile mediator.	No Response
School districts have authority to provide mental health care to students, which may include parental guidance and consent.	Agree	No Response
What are your top 3 fiduciary priorities for your school district?	School bonds School construction contracts Salary of superintendent and administration	No Response
Parents have the ultimate authority over all decisions regarding their child's education.	Agree	No Response
The School Board has no authority to remove pervasively vulgar and educationally unsuitable books from school libraries.	Disagree	No Response
It is a violation of the 1st amendment for a School Board to remove sexually explicit books from their school libraries.	Disagree	No Response

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policies are necessary in K-12 education?	Disagree	No Response
TASB trains School Board members to vote in unity as a "Team of 8." Do you agree or disagree with this practice?	Disagree	No Response
Some school districts have voted to leave TASB. If you are elected, would you vote to support or reject leaving TASB?	Support	No Response
Do you believe the protections in Title IX include Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation?	No	No Response
Parents have the right to opt out of the STAAR assessment	Agree	No Response
Would you support or reject a policy that would prohibit cell phones during school hours?	Support	No Response
Third-party vendors (Google, Xello, Flipgrid, Rithm) with school contracts who collect student data are not in violation of FERPA.	Disagree	No Response
Do you agree or disagree in standard based grading?	Disagree	No Response
Please explain your position on digital learning vs. textbooks. Do you believe there should be an age limit to children learning online vs. using a textbook?	I don't believe in an age limit; I believe more from a student's learning style. I believe in books, because technology may fail, and students still need to learn. Books are better for tactile learners. I also, believe in technology, in case a student has to miss an extensive amount of school, he/she can still learn with online technology. Every student learns different!	No Response

<p>Any additional information you would like to share with us?</p>	<p>I believe schools should have districts more so than at large positions to have more representation for their constituents.</p>	<p>No Response</p>
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2024 Local Election Candidate Questionnaire

~ Celina ISD Place 6

	Kelly Juergens	Vicky Hogue
List and explain in order of importance your top 3 priorities in your school district.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student and Staff safety - crucial for the success/effectiveness of all school districts - Staff compensation, hiring and retention - over 80% of our our current operating budget and the most important asset/resource in CISD - Managed growth - tremendous challenges and opportunities come with growth. We are working to stay ahead of this for our students and community, while maintaining our "Bobcat Culture". 	No Response
Name 3 areas of experience/skills/training you have that would be advantageous as a school board member?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Existing board member - service began in May 2010 - Current member of the CISD Board Finance, Safety/Security, and Construction committees - 22-year resident of Celina - 3 kids educated in CISD, My wife has worked at the Middle school since 2008 	No Response
School districts have authority to provide mental health care to students, which may include parental guidance and consent.	Disagree	No Response
What are your top 3 fiduciary priorities for your school district?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physical/mental health and safety of our students and staff - Development of our students to become successful and productive members of society - Financial stewardship of the CISD resources provided by the taxpayers 	No Response
Parents have the ultimate authority over all decisions regarding their child's education.	Agree	No Response

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Some school districts have voted to leave TASB. If you are elected, would you vote to support or reject leaving TASB?	Reject	No Response.
Do you believe the protections in Title IX include Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation?	No	No Response.
Parents have the right to opt out of the STAAR assessment	Disagree	No Response
Would you support or reject a policy that would prohibit cell phones during school hours?	Support	No Response
Third-party vendors (Google, Xello, Flipgrid, Rithm) with school contracts who collect student data are not in violation of FERPA.	Disagree	No Response

<p>Do you agree or disagree in standard based grading?</p>	<p>Disagree</p>	<p>No Response</p>
<p>Please explain your position on digital learning vs. textbooks. Do you believe there should be an age limit to children learning online vs. using a textbook?</p>	<p>The learning landscape continues to evolve. There are several factors to consider when deciding on digital vs. test-based learning. We must take all on these into account (student age, subject matter, MAP data, available curriculum, etc.) when deciding on the most efficient delivery and consumption methods.</p>	<p>No Response</p>
<p>Any additional information you would like to share with us?</p>	<p>Some of the questions above are complicated and require more in-depth analysis and situational context to arrive at a comprehensive response. I believe the Trustees of the district have a moral obligation to do make decisions that are in the best interest of the students with the support of our parents and the community. Conservative Christian values in support of our constitution are the guiding principles that I follow.</p>	<p>No Response</p>

2024 Local Election Candidate Questionnaire

~ Frisco ISD Place 7

	Melanie Barrios-Jones	Keith Maddox	Fred Kaiser	Sherrie Salas
List and explain in order of importance your top 3 priorities in your school district.	Teacher Support, Budget Oversight, Special Education	No Response	No Response	No Response
Name 3 areas of experience/skills/training you have that would be advantageous as a school board member?	With over 38 years of corporate experience, coupled with my extensive school district committee memberships, I have firsthand, boots-on-the-ground involvement that can help propel our district forward. I have also been integral in bringing important programs to the district.	No Response	No Response	No Response
School districts have authority to provide mental health care to students, which may include parental guidance and consent.	Disagree	No Response	No Response	No Response
What are your top 3 fiduciary priorities for your school district?	I would look at spending, contracts and evaluate positions	No Response	No Response	No Response
The School Board has no authority to remove pervasively vulgar and educationally unsuitable books from school libraries.	Disagree	No Response	No Response	No Response
It is a violation of the 1st amendment for a School Board to remove sexually explicit books from their school libraries.	Disagree	No Response	No Response	No Response

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policies are necessary in K-12 education?	Disagree	No Response	No response	No Response
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Do you believe the protections in Title IX include Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation?	No	No Response	No Response	No Response
Parents have the right to opt out of the STAAR assessment	Agree	No Response	No Response	No Response
Would you support or reject a policy that would prohibit cell phones during school hours?	Support	No Response	No Response	No Response
Third-party vendors (Google, Xello, Flipgrid, Rithm) with school contracts who collect student data are not in violation of FERPA.	Disagree	No Response	No Response	No Response
Do you agree or disagree in standard based grading?	Disagree	No Response	No Response	No Response

<p>Please explain your position on digital learning vs. textbooks. Do you believe there should be an age limit to children learning online vs. using a textbook?</p>	<p>Children already have too much screen time and new studies are showing that the brain is atrophying because of excessive screen time and that includes computers. Digital learning should be limited, and we need textbooks back</p>	<p>No Response</p>	<p>No Response</p>	<p>No Response</p>
<p>Any additional information you would like to share with us?</p>	<p>I believe that public education is a cornerstone of American Society. Teachers and well taught students are what make America able to compete on a global scale. It is vital that we pay teachers what they are worth because without them we would have nothing. Furthermore, education is a service, and we have to remember, as a district, our clients are the kids, parents and teachers and it is the board's responsibility to ensure the highest standards possible are in place.</p>	<p>No Response</p>	<p>No Response</p>	<p>No Response</p>

2024 Local Election Candidate Questionnaire

~ Community ISD Place 7~

	Jessica Foster	Kristin Ann Ziberstain
List and explain in order of importance your top 3 priorities in your school district.	Maintaining the community culture. Support of Teachers, Students, and parents. Determining the best way to deal with the ongoing growth of our district.	No Response
Name 3 areas of experience/skills/training you have that would be advantageous as a school board member?	Leadership Development of New Ideas Critical Thinking	No Response
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What are your top 3 fiduciary priorities for your school district?	Ensuring that we have the appropriate resources in place to handle the growth of our district. Ongoing comparison of teacher's salary Ensuring that we have the resources for our children to be successful.	No Response
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Do you agree or disagree in standard based grading?	Disagree	No Response
Please explain your position on digital learning vs. textbooks. Do you believe there should be an age limit to children learning online vs. using a textbook?	We need to find a balance between the use of learning online vs textbook. Each person learns differently, and the use of electronic textbooks should be discussed with the parents/students. It should not be mandatory to use digital learning. I believe that students do have a better retention of information through textbooks vs digital b!	No Response
Any additional information you would like to share with us?	No	No Response