

Johnson County Public Policy Council
2018 Kansas State Board of Education Candidate Questionnaire

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Occupation/Work History (last 5 years – 25 words or less):

Customer service and Certified swimming instructor at Prairie Life Fitness in Olathe. Full time mom and active volunteer in community and Prince of Peace Parish.

If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list which organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held:

N/A

Other recent political/community experience? (25 words or less)

Supported candidates by volunteering or donating. Served on Prince of Peace board as welcoming committee, treasurer and Secretary. Served on Aldersgate board, 2 years.

As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues? (10 words or less per line)

I want as much local control over the curriculum. I want the parents involved in their child's education. Accountability online for all spending needs more attention.

The State Board of Education is in the process of implementing “Kansans Can,” a new student-focused vision for education with aggressive goals for kindergarten readiness, high school graduation, and success in postsecondary education or workforce readiness. What are your thoughts on the “Kansans Can” school redesign? To what degree do you think it should influence the state’s school funding issues? (75 words or less)

I feel from what I have studied it can a measured starting point, but once again, I am for making sure each student is being educated and I feel we need to tap into our local resources as much as possible. As for the financing, they have been working on that formula over 10 years, as a candidate, I need more time to digest it.

What do you believe is the biggest challenge currently facing the State Board of Education? (75 words or less)

I feel that as I campaign for this position, voters for the most part do not know what the board does, they are not informed on how important the State Board of Education is, nor are they engaged in the process of being updated on what they do. I feel that Legislators, KSBOE and local schools boards need to work together better. That's why local control is best.

Why are you seeking this public office? (50 words or less)

As a mom of two boys in the district in the public school system and as a tax payer, I feel we need a fresh set of eyes, a new voice in Topeka. Someone to be a voice for my district and update voters on issues.

What project have you been most proud to work on? (50 words or less)

Raising my boys, being a volunteer in my community and my Parish has given my children a social balance of being in the public school system with a firm base of faith in their life. That is what makes strong families and well rounded children.

What do you think most distinguishes you from your opponent(s)? (50 words or less)

I am for educating the public. I feel that the parents know what is best for their child and they should have a choice when it comes to their education. My past experience with sitting on private boards, allows a different perspective on education issues that we face.