

DESOTO U.S. SCHOOL DISTRICT #232, CANDIDATE PROFILE

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Occupation/Work History (last five years – 15 words):

2008 - present: Financial Advisor, Edward Jones Investments

Most Recent Political/Community Experience (25 words):

Shawnee Tomorrow Leadership Course (student in 2014 class; chair of steering committee for 2015 class)

Shawnee Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee member

Horizon Elementary Site Council

2013-2014 DeSoto School District Boundary Committee Member

United Methodist Church of the Resurrection West Alpha Ministry Coordinator

Are you, or have you been, affiliated with a local or state chamber of commerce? If yes, chamber(s):

Shawnee Chamber of Commerce member

Are you, or have you been, affiliated with any other business organization(s)? If yes, organization(s):

past member of Financial Planning Association

As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues (6 words per line)

Advocating for and supporting our teachers as they work to mold and shape the bright minds of the future.

Advocating for local control of expenditures. Ensuring the school district is in control over where and how it best chooses to spend taxpayer dollars.

Advocating for local control of classroom content. Ensuring our district has sufficient control of what is taught in the classroom.

I am seeking public office because (25 words):

I have three daughters who attend Horizon Elementary in the DeSoto School District. While I believe they are receiving a world class education in their classroom, I'm not confident that the district itself is healthy. The dynamics at play within the DeSoto School Board and administration has come to a point of crisis with the resignation of the district's top two leaders Dr. Doug Sumner and Dr. Jessica Dain. Accusations of bullying, harassment, and vengeful actions are nothing short of disgusting and reprehensible. I'm running to be a voice of change. Someone who is more interested in building a district up than tearing it down. Ultimately I want to help be a part of creating an atmosphere of trust and cooperation between the superintendent and his/her leadership and the BOE.