



Candidate Questionnaire

An Initiative of the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce

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Name (last, first, middle)

Preferred name

BISD School Board Place 7

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Which office are you seeking?

of years in the community

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Preferred means of communication: Email Phone Mail Text

Why, in your opinion, are you qualified for this office?

I moved to Bastrop in 1995 with my wife Trisha and our two daughters, both of whom are graduates of BHS. One graduated from Texas A&M University and the other is just about to graduate from the Mays Business School, also at Texas A&M. I'm also a local business leader as a partner with The Nitsche Group. I know firsthand how important businesses are to our schools and how important schools are to our employers. In addition, I have served on the BISD School Board since 2013, with eight of those years being the Board President. I've seen us through tremendous growth and changes in the community.

Please highlight your experiences and accomplishments that you feel have equipped you to serve in an elected capacity:

In 2002 I was selected as Man of the Year by the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce, and in 2007, I earned the Ambassador of Education award by the Bastrop ISD. I have also been a community advocate and volunteer with the Bastrop Lions, served on the board for Calvary Episcopal School, and was a member of the advocacy team that passed two historic bonds benefitting BISD schools.

List your involvement with community organizations over the last 24 months:

I volunteer for the BISD Mentor Program, Bastrop Chamber of Commerce, and the Bastrop Sportsmen's Committee Executive Team, which is responsible for raising money for the Bastrop Education Foundation (BEF). The BEF awards grants to teachers that directly impact students in the classroom.

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Please rank what you feel are the top 3 campaign issues, explaining your position and why

1.

Safe & Disciplined Classrooms - Our Board believes strongly that one of the best supports we can provide our teachers is by making schoolwide discipline and safety a top priority. We have insisted to the Superintendent that we help students understand what the expectations are in this community for positive and appropriate behavior and that we hold them accountable when they don't meet those expectations. We have seen significant improvement in how we handle disciplinary incidents, in what training we provide teachers in classroom management, and how we treat and help students who need extra support. In addition, we have invested heavily in school safety, not only with our police department but also with staff and student training, strong visitor procedures, locked door protocols, and more.
2.

Academic Achievement - Another Board priority is academic performance and providing every opportunity for success for our students. With the changes we've made in the last two years, we have the building blocks in place to see tremendous success going forward. We've made leaps with high-quality curriculum, staffing adjustments, and other partnerships and resources, but we have to stay focused on keeping the bar at a high level and expecting the best OF our students and providing the best FOR our students. This is more than the STAAR test. It's also preparing our students for college or career with opportunities for postsecondary training, internships, and industry certifications. To do this, we have to hire the best teachers possible and then give them the resources they need to do their jobs. Recruiting and retaining high-quality, dedicated teachers is critical to achieving the academic goals we've set.
3.

Strengthening Relationships & Partnerships - It's never been more true that our schools can't do it by themselves. They rely on strong relationships, which is why we've outlined collaboration and partnerships as another Board priority. We need and want parents to be involved in the schools and with their child's education. We need and want our local businesses to be visible and present. We need and want mentors to build relationships with kids and be a positive role model for them. Some of the most exciting partnerships we have are industry partnerships that allow our students to have access to job training and the potential of a career after high school for those who don't want to go to college. This is an area we want to continue to highlight and make a priority because it makes a difference for our kids.

Additional comments:

What are your suggestions to increase voter turnout?

Encourage your family, friends and colleagues to take time to get out and vote. Send out text messages, emails and use social media.

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