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The last two years have been incredibly hard on our children. Lengthy closures and unnecessary mask and medical mandates have disrupted their lives in ways that have terrible consequences for years to come. Our district is now faced with a massive learning and attendance loss. Teachers are welcoming incoming classes who are missing nearly two years of traditional schooling and development. Many students lost athletic scholarships, progress and academic milestones. I, along with fellow parents, watched as our children's senior year of high school unceremoniously slipped away.

Watching our children lose so much time not to a virus, but to overreaching government policies is what prompted me to run for school board. It was frustrating to discover our Board of Trustees was not on the side of our civil liberties and the safety of our children. Instead of being treated as partners in education, parents were made to feel as though they didn't have the right to speak up or to make demands of the Trustees.

School closures allowed parents to peek into the virtual classroom. Many of us were shocked to learn that our children were being taught discriminatory concepts and controversial gender ideology that have nothing to do with basic education. Curriculum transparency is vital to our children's future, and something I will fight to achieve as your representative. Additionally, our school district needs tax-dollar accountability. Parents and taxpayers should feel confident their dollars are going towards our students and not special interests.

What has been done to our children and their education over the last two years can never be allowed to happen again. It is time to return the power of our school board back where it really belongs, in the hands of the people and parents. As your Trustee in Area 2, I pledge to fight for families. I will stand against mandates, keep discriminatory social concepts out of our classrooms, demand full transparency on curriculum and spending, and advocate for smaller class sizes. We must elevate the voices of parents and families. Together, we will help our students learn and our teachers teach. Our school board works for us, not the other way around. It is time We the People are a voice in our school district. I look forward to representing our community and advocating for what is best for our children.

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