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What is the biggest issue facing JCPS right now, and how would you address it?

I believe the biggest issue facing JCPS is trust.

Trust affects everything else the district is trying to accomplish. Families must trust that their voices matter. Employees must trust that they will be supported and treated fairly. Taxpayers must trust that resources are being used responsibly. And students must trust that the adults leading the system are making decisions in their best interests.

Rebuilding trust requires transparency, accountability, and meaningful engagement with stakeholders. As a board member, I would advocate for clear communication, thoughtful oversight, and decision-making that prioritizes students while maintaining public confidence in the district.

What specific changes would you push for at JCPS if elected?

I would focus on three priorities: Building Trust, Supporting Learning, and Strengthening Schools.

That includes increasing transparency around major district decisions, improving communication with families and employees, strengthening support for educators and staff, and ensuring district resources are aligned with student needs and outcomes.

I would also advocate for greater accountability measures so that the board and community can clearly evaluate whether district initiatives are achieving their intended results.

What is your connection to the district?

I am an educator, parent, and community member with deep connections to JCPS.

My experiences have allowed me to see the district from multiple perspectives. I have worked alongside dedicated educators and staff, engaged with families, and witnessed firsthand both the successes and challenges facing our schools. Those experiences have strengthened my belief in the importance of public education and my commitment to serving students and families.

What relevant experience in education do you have?

My professional experience in education has given me firsthand knowledge of the realities facing students, educators, and schools.

I understand the importance of effective instruction, strong relationships, student support systems, and creating environments where both students and employees can succeed. I have seen how policy decisions affect classrooms and understand the need for board decisions to remain grounded in the experiences of those doing the work every day.

What relevant business, budgeting, or financial management experience do you have?

While I am not a financial professional, I understand that effective governance requires strong oversight, accountability, and responsible stewardship of public resources.

School board members must be willing to review information carefully, ask difficult questions, evaluate outcomes, and ensure spending aligns with district priorities. My experience as an educator has also given me insight into how budget decisions directly affect students, staff, and school operations.

JCPS has faced major budget challenges. What would you do to improve financial oversight and rebuild trust with taxpayers?

Improving trust begins with transparency.

The board must ensure that financial information is communicated clearly and that major budget decisions are explained in ways the public can understand. Taxpayers deserve confidence that resources are being managed responsibly and that spending decisions are tied directly to student outcomes.

I would support regular financial reporting, clear performance measures, and a culture of accountability where the board actively evaluates whether investments are producing meaningful results for students and schools.

How would you measure whether the superintendent is doing a good job?

The superintendent should be evaluated based on measurable outcomes that align with the district's goals.

Those measures should include student achievement and growth, employee retention, financial stewardship, school climate and safety, implementation of board priorities, and public trust.

The board's responsibility is to establish clear expectations and evaluate performance using objective data while remaining focused on student success.

What do you believe JCPS should do to improve student achievement?

Student achievement improves when students have access to excellent instruction, strong support systems, safe learning environments, and highly qualified educators.

JCPS should continue focusing on evidence-based instructional practices, addressing barriers to learning, supporting educator development and retention, and ensuring resources reach the students and schools with the greatest needs.

Every decision should ultimately be evaluated by one question: Does this help students learn and succeed?

Is there anything else you want voters to know about you or your campaign?

I am running because I believe strong public schools strengthen entire communities.

Many thanks,

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