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

The biggest problem facing JCPS is that many of our students cannot read and do math on grade level, even when they graduate. To solve this, we must staff every classroom with the best teachers and support staff, demand ROI on programs, provide training/ support for our employees and eliminate the programs with no ROI.

What specific changes would you push for at JCPS (in your next term) if elected?

I would require a balanced budget, heavy use of our ROI tool, hire a board treasurer and use more programs like Teach KY. I would also create a feedback portal and a master list of volunteers. Finally I would want a study done on how to do away with the 9:40 start time and bring bussing back to all students.

What is your connection to the district?

Parent of a JCPS student, husband to former JCPS educator and community member for 15 years.

What relevant education experience do you have?

I have a bachelors of science in business marketing and minor in entrepreneurship. I also attended k-12 public school at Upper St. Clair in Pittsburgh PA.

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

I am the VP of government services for Eight Eleven Group. A 900m staffing company with offices all over the country. In this role I manage a team, oversee a 100m budget, meet with governments and help recruit people into public sector jobs including other k-12 districts. I must prove ROI to our owners for all expenses and make the decision to cut investments quickly if they aren't working.

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

I would require a balanced budget, implement the Plante Moran/ State audit findings and hire a treasurer for the board. This person would act as another gate for things to be on the board agenda for approval. Finally, I would make sure the new CFO we hire has a plan immediately keep us in a good financial state moving forward and use the ROI tool we have created but not used.

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

Consistent student outcome improvement in academics and behavior, balancing the budget as well as subjective/ objective feedback from employees/ students and the community.

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

Focus on attracting the best talent to our district, hold all employees accountable to goals, replicate what is working in other like districts and always focus on the students over outside interests.

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

I promise to continue being extremely responsive to anyone that reaches out, I will continue to ask the hard questions and always seek to learn from educators, support staff, students and parents. JCPS can be the premier public school district in the country with the right focus and willingness to do the hard work!