

WCSB Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to share information about yourself, so we can share with the community. Your participation is a great signal that you believe in transparency and will serve with a willing and open mindset - we will post your answers 100% as you wrote them with no editing or associated commentary.

Please submit no later than END OF DAY 3/4/2022

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Name *

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District

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How long have you lived in Williamson County? *

7 years

Employer / Occupation *

Consultant/Investigator

Please select all that apply: *

- My kid(s) currently attend a WCS school (2021-22)
- My kid(s) currently attend a FSSD school (2021-22)
- My kid(s) graduated from WCS
- My kids are not yet school age but will attend WCS or FSSD
- My kid(s) attends private school
- My kid(s) is homeschooled
- I have grandchildren enrolled in WCS (2021-22)

Which FSSD/WCS schools do your children attend? (Write N/A if not applicable) *

Centennial High School

What is or has been your involvement with Williamson County Schools to date? (e.g. PTO, volunteering, etc.) *

My time has been focused on supporting my daughter's numerous school based activities, such as cross country and theater.

Please list any professional or personal organizations you're currently or have recently (last 3 years) been involved with, including where you have a Board of Directors seat, sit on a committee, volunteer for, or regularly attend meetings *

Board Member Moves and Grooves, Executive Board National Alumnae Association of Spelman College-Nashville Chapter, Young Leaders Council-Davidson County, Jack and Jill of America-Williamson County Chapter, National Association of University Women

What compelled you to run for this position? *

I would like to ensure that all students, and parents, are heard and supported within our school district. I appreciate the work that has been done, thus far; however, a diverse perspective would be a great addition to the board.

What do you believe is the most important quality or characteristic for a Williamson County School Board member to possess and exhibit? *

Definitely the ability to listen, learn and entertain ideas that are different than my own. I also believe sound judgment and an even disposition is essential to this role.

What are your thoughts on the School Board races being partisan this year due to the new state legislature that passed in late 2020?

I think it might discourage great candidates from entering the race; I think that we all have our kids best interest at heart and partisan politics, with respect to the school board, can cloud that fact.

What, if any, involvement have you had in local or state politics before running for School Board? *

I worked extensively on a Democratic Campaign for a slate that included Senator Richard Durbin and Representative Jan Schakowsky (field organizer - IL). I also managed field organizers on smaller campaigns in Virginia.

Have you ever spoken at public comment during a School Board meeting? If yes, please provide details on the topic.

I have not at this moment; this is something I plan to do, however.

If you had to describe a School Board member's role in 1-2 sentences, what would it be? *

To ensure that the desires of the communities are met and to oversee the needs, and goals, of the school district.

How will you communicate with your constituents if elected? Please share links to your Facebook page, Twitter handle, and/or campaign website: *

Facebook and campaign website

What are top 3 most pressing issues facing the School Board at this moment? *

Diversity and inclusion, teacher pay, handling COVID-19

If an incumbent, what are you most proud of during your service as a School Board member?

n/a

Do you believe WCS teachers are paid enough?

Yes

No

Do you believe WCS schools are adequately funded for their operational and capital needs?

Yes

No

What do voters need to know about you that we haven't already asked when deciding who to support and vote for as their representative? *

I am excited for the opportunity to be a public servant and represent the diverse population that Franklin has to offer, I have years of experience in education (adjunct instructor); I have worked extensively with student achievement and institutional goals. Most importantly, I am the proud mother of a high school student in the Williamson Country School District; I am, thus, directly interested in the success of the board.

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