

Sioux Falls School Board Race

Election Day: May 16, 2023

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(Candidates listed in ballot order.)

Dawn Marie Johnson

Nick Zachariasen

Brian Mattson

I am Brian Mattson, a committed community member and candidate for the Sioux Falls School Board, and I am ready to bring fresh perspectives and innovative solutions to our district. As a local entrepreneur and Marine Corps veteran, my unique blend of professional experience and disciplined approach makes me well-equipped to tackle the challenges our schools face today. I want to emphasize my dedication to advocating for our 24,000 students and their families, the taxpayers, and our dedicated teachers and staff.

My commitment to parental rights and transparency is the cornerstone of my campaign. I firmly believe that parents should be active partners in their children's education, and that they deserve access to, and input on, curriculum materials. This transparency fosters trust and cooperation among parents, educators, and students, creating a more inclusive and successful education system that meets the needs of every student in our district.

Academic performance is a key focus for me. Our district should be known for excellence in math, science, language arts, and social studies, preparing our

students for success in their future endeavors. We can achieve this by reallocating resources to evidence-based instructional methods, rigorous teacher training, and robust assessment tools.

Nutrition is also a critical area for improvement. I propose addressing the sugar content and nutritional quality of our school meals to support our students' physical and mental health. By recalibrating our meals to prioritize nutrient-dense animal proteins and exploring farm-to-table initiatives, we can create a healthier and more sustainable food environment for our students.

The implementation of our state's new social studies curriculum standards requires diligent oversight, and I am well-prepared to assume this responsibility. With my understanding of our constitutional republic and experience in cultural understanding, I can ensure the inclusive and relevant education our students need for success in an increasingly diverse world.

In the face of the approaching fiscal cliff, responsible fiscal stewardship is essential. We need to evaluate our spending efficiency and identify potential cost savings to ensure a sustainable future for our district. With careful financial management, we can safeguard the quality of education our students deserve while minimizing the impact on taxpayers.

Lastly, I strongly believe in the value of physical education and after-school activities for our students' mental health and academic performance. The cancellation of the gymnastics program has prompted me to advocate a robust investment in physical education programs and after-school activities. By providing (word limit)

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