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Candidate Questionnaire

Why are you running for school board?

I want to make sure that the children of District 131 receive the best education. I want to raise the bar for our teachers and students. This is my way of giving back to District 131.

If the economy continues on its current path, what specific programs would you recommend to cut from the district budget?

That is a hard decision; I don't like to cut programs. The board would have to think about it very hard and fair.

Is there a way to address funding shortages without having to cut programs or services (i.e. short-term borrowing or a referendum)? Would you support such measures?

Back in November 2008 we pass a referendum for our educational fund. I thank the voters for that. My family and I support it.

Do you support cutting arts programs such as music and drama to help balance the district's budget? Extracurricular activities? Early childhood initiatives? Explain.

No, I think that all programs are very important to a student growing up and will enhance each and one of our students.

What, if anything, can the district be doing (that it isn't already) to encourage lawmakers in Springfield and Washington, D.C. to address funding issues back home?

Do you support the current administration? Explain.

Yes, I think they are working hard on a Curriculum that will move this district forward.

What role can the school board play (that it isn't already) in improving student achievement?

Talk to parents to get involved in school district. When students see their parents involved I believe students try harder.

What are the three biggest issues facing the school district? How would you address them?

All schools making AYP, balance the budget and hire excellent teachers. I would address the AYP issue by raising the bar for teachers so they can provide the tools to students and they can be well prepared when they are tested. Regarding the budget I believe we are going to be able to balance it because we passed already the referendum. In able to retain excellent teachers we need to be competitive with salaries around the area.

For everyone but the incumbent – Why should voters choose you over the incumbent(s)?

Why should you be re-elected over the challenger(s)? First of all I care very much about the students of District 131 and this community. I am a Tomcat, I have been in the board for 5 years, I have commons sense and I do not micro manage.

