

Good Afternoon Members and Community,

Education Minnesota St. Francis takes the election of school board candidates very seriously. Elections have a long lasting impact on our students and community. We are excited to share the school board questionnaires that we received from all of the school board candidates. This year we have many candidates that are interested in putting students and schools first in their decision making process.



A handful of Education Minnesota St. Francis members (Ryan Fiereck, Ryan Kayla Buzzell, Ryan Hauge, Angela Westbrook) met over the summer to help go through the questionnaires and identify candidates that would be good fits for ISD 15 school board. The candidates that best fit are:

Recommendation

4 year: Meri Haas, Rob Schoenrock, Sean Sullivan, Laura Waterworth

2 year: Peter Onstad

Discussion

The discussion around the candidates was extensive. We tried to pare down a competitive field. A major topic of discussion was the importance of candidates having children that are current students in the District. It is important that the decisions our school board makes have an impact on their lives also. We also looked at parents from different levels of schooling. Another major topic of discussion was the different experience candidates would bring to the board from previous experience and current workplace.

Information on the questionnaire

In the school board responses you will see a strikethrough after the 100 word suggested limit per question. In an effort to limit the length of response we suggested our candidates kept their answers to under 100 words. It is important you see the answers after 100 words but wanted to acknowledge where that 100 word limit was.

Information on the Election

With an election with 13 candidates it is important to get the word out for any candidate you support. Lots of candidates means a low percentage may still win. Your vote will count more than it has ever in past. Please make sure to share who you are supporting with your neighbors and make sure they vote!

What is next?

As with any election the decision is yours. We hope that this information can help you make your decision. If you are interested in helping to get these five candidates elected please email me at RyanFiereck@gmail.com We are trying to play an active role in this election cycle and this cannot happen without your support or involvement. If you have any questions do not be afraid to ask, ESPECIALLY to the candidates.

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