

Charlotte County School Board

Candidate (District (3) Questions - 2024

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1. What are the Charlotte County Schools greatest strengths and how do you plan to support them?

The District has always enjoyed a spirit of community. The recent adoption of the new strategic plan only served to emphasize the commitment that the community has to the district and the district to the community. The Board has engaged at all times with other elected officials in order to improve educational opportunities and safety for Charlotte County Schools. I will continue to serve in a capacity so as to insure that the District and community always engage with one another for the best interests of our students, staff and the community.

School Security has been of paramount concern during my tenure with the Board. School resource officers have increased from 13 to 34 during that time with 2 in each high school and in our most populated middle school. We have added a Dean of Students and Security Monitors to each school. We have increased our school based social workers by 16 and our school psychologists by 5 additional hires.

We have installed an Active Assailant One Button Lock Down System at each campus that effectively locks down a school in seconds. Panic Buttons are now in every school's front office. We have single points of entry at each school with a video phone communication system. There is state of the art video surveillance systems with 24.7 law enforcement access that can not be accessed by 3rd parties. Vape sensors are installed in all secondary schools. Every classroom door locks from the inside.

You can not expect children to learn or teacher's to teach unless they feel safe when they are in our schools. I have championed security through out my service on the Board. Safety and learning will remain a primary focus of my next term. Each and every vote will be based on protecting our students and staff so that learning will flourish.

2. What are Charlotte County Schools greatest areas of opportunity and how do you plan to address them?

1. Increased Rigor in teaching and learning.
2. Enhanced technical opportunities for students choosing a career path other than college.
3. Establishment of Truancy Court.

As stated earlier the new strategic plan adopted for the District has led to a revamp of the learning division. These instructional changes are designed to set the bar at new heights for teaching and achievement. The plan includes two new academic coaches within every school. This will permit hands on attention to problem areas that will be addressed early and aggressively.

I intend to closely monitor the on going implementation in my capacity as your Board member. I am confident these changes will lead to improved learning and higher state rankings.

The District has been at the cutting edge of increasing opportunities in our technical certifications at the Charlotte Technical College. The new Air Frame program has students moving immediately into the work force with needed skills and earning competitive wages. I will work to bring more opportunities in these areas.

The next step in the science and aviation field is a new automation and robotics program that will open additional opportunities. In my capacity as a Board Member and a Technical College Advisory Board Member I intend to champion continued projects in these areas.

Since Covid we have been struggling with student attendance issues. I have been able to utilize my contact with the Court system to get the Justice Center Administrator and our County and Circuit

Judge to agree to state a truancy Court program this January.

I will continue to assist with the formation and implementation of this necessary program to combat truancy.

3. Why are you the right choice for the Charlotte County School Board ?

Experience matters! Last July we hired a new School Superintendent. In January of this year the entire learning division was revamped and restructured. This is going to be an evolving process and my experience will be beneficial to the team that completes this 5 year strategic plan.

I am also the right choice because my wife, Marilyn, and I have been committed to this community for the last 45 years. Our daughter, Amanda, was born and raised here. Amanda went to our public schools kindergarten through graduation. I have been involved at every level of parental involvement at all school levels prior to being elected to serve on your School Board.

I have been an active Board member and have been consistently in our schools. This has enabled me to build relationships with administrators, teachers, parents, and students that enable me to understand their perspectives when I am voting on the important issues that face the District.

My experience has also allowed me to develop professional relationships with other local elected officials as well as our representatives in Tallahassee. Charlotte County is considered a unicorn. All of the different governmental divisions work together for the citizen's best interest. Just look to your North and South. That simply is not happening elsewhere.

I do not believe that anyone is more capable and qualified to be the School Board member for District 3. I need your support to finish the job. We are on the right track and you continue to see the growth from the plans actions that have been set in motion.