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1. What is the role of a Public School Board Trustee?

The role is to advocate for children and advance the cause for education.

2. What do you see as the main issues facing public education today? Of these which is your priority? How will you address that priority?

More accessible and responsive public service at all levels. I will actively meet with all stakeholders involved in our education system.

3. Do you believe that education in Alberta is adequately funded? If you answered "no", what will you do to advocate for more educational funding?

Overall we have adequate funding. Within that funding I will advocate for the provision of more support for classroom teachers to meet the needs of students with special needs.

4. What will you do to support the success of FNMI students from K - 12? Please indicate goals and objectives, and also action steps.

Promote various avenues to maintain and further foster indigenous culture and language.

5. What is the appropriate level of government funding for private schools? (For comparison, funding of private schools in Canada ranges from 0% in Ontario, to 70% in Alberta.)

I will maintain the current funding in place for private schools as this is not for me to decide. These decisions are made with the current provincial government.

6. Do you support the right of students to keep their sexual orientation or gender identity as private information (information that can be shared by teachers only with express consent of the student)?

Yes.

7. Do you support inclusion in the classroom? If so, what supports would you consider necessary to make inclusion successful?

Yes. I consider the following supports necessary to make inclusion successful: 1) provide instructional support; 2) promote a welcoming, caring, respectful & safe learning environment & 3) reduce barriers within the curriculum.