

Rhonda Whitten responses

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1) I have done some research of my own on the new curriculum draft. I have talked to teachers, parents, principals and former trustees. I want the draft to be scrapped and be redone by proper professionals and have it reflect the good quality education that our students deserve.

2) I do not believe the funding formula is adequate. We have students that have special needs that the funding has been cut. We have new schools that are running out of room for the students coming into the community. As a trustee I will do my part to make sure that the budget reflects the population growth and the resources that they need.

3) I do know the inefficiencies of privatization. We see it all the time in our union. I will not support private schools. Each student deserves the same quality education. I will not support contracting out the services of employees either and if BGSD has third party providers I will advocate to have them brought back in house. It has been proven that P3's do not work so I will not support them either.

4) Yes I will certainly support living wages, good benefits, full time hours, job security, etc I have many friends that work in the BGSD and if I am put on any of the bargaining committees I will do my best for all concerned.

5) I most definitely will support their pensions being left alone. I value my pension and would stand up the BGSD pensions as well.

6) I absolutely support the Importance of Covid safety. Mask wearing hand hygiene and social distancing is a must