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WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE?

Hello, everyone!

My name is **Jaydeep Mahida, and most people know me as JAY**. My Canadian journey began as an International student in 2011 and I made Brandon my home in 2012. This community welcomed me, gave me opportunities, and became a place I am proud to call home. Now, I want to give back by serving as a **Brandon School Division Trustee**.

I am running because I believe **strong schools build strong communities**. Every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, feel safe, and succeed—regardless of their background or where their journey began.

As a former small-business co-owner, a full-time manufacturing employee, and an active community volunteer, I understand the challenges working families face.

My priorities are simple: **put students first, support our teachers and staff, promote safe and inclusive schools, address classroom pressures, ensure responsible and transparent use of public resources, and strengthen communication with families**.

I believe in being **Human First**. Every child should feel safe, supported, valued, and that they belong.

I will listen before I decide, and I will never forget who I serve.