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OCCUPATION: Retired (and loving it!)

WHY I AM RUNNING FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE:

I have served as a BDS Trustee for the last 8 years and I believe there is still work to be done. As a governance board we are limited to what we can do. We do not go into classrooms and direct teachers how to teach or tell senior administration how they should handle a certain situation. We need to stand with teachers and senior administration when it is needed

It is our mandate to work with senior administration when passing the budget. Over the last number of years, it has become apparent that the BSD needs a larger piece of the pie. With over 10 thousand students and aging buildings we have had to make cuts and increases to your taxes, and it is something we do not enjoy doing. I am thankful for the addition to Maryland Park and I am sure that the students and staff are thankful as well. My questions would be why they did not do this when they first built the school? With the new Brookwood area school this will elevate some of the crowding at other schools but with 11 k-8 schools using every inch of space as classrooms we need more rooms. We don't need more modulares. My wish list includes a second K-8 school and high school. This way staff can get back their staff rooms, they need a space where they can decompress and relax during the school day. Students need libraries that are not on carts, music rooms, art rooms band rooms, applied technology rooms human ecology rooms and common areas back.

We need to let the provincial government know that they need to review the funding formula as they have not made many changes to it over the last few decades. We need to be able to offer all day kindergarten in every school as well as a fully funded lunch program so that every student can have a safe place to eat lunch.

I have a child that is a member of the LGBTQIA+ two spirited community, and I am a very strong advocate for these students as well as every student in our division. As a trustee it is my mandate to serve all students and creating an environment where every child, regardless of their background, identity or orientation, feel safe, valued and ready to learn.