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Occupation: Retired

Position Applied For: School Trustee – Ward 1

Why are you running for school trustee?

Five generations of my family have attended Brandon schools. Two grandchildren still do. I want those grandchildren - and every single child in the division - to have the brightest, happiest and most successful lives possible.

We can achieve this by providing our professional educators with the supports they need to allow them to deal with all the issues our community's children bring with them to school. After all, every child must be welcomed and included.

I pledge to be respectful to fellow trustees, parents, educators, administrators, and, of course, taxpayers.

The safety of all students in the division must be a top priority. Bullying must not be tolerated.

We must balance the risks and benefits of changing technology; for example, Artificial Intelligence.

We must address overcrowding and ensure - in a reasonable time, given fiscal realities - that air conditioning and other upgrades take place at our older schools.

The taxpayers of our division must be kept in mind with each and every board decision.

I have years of public service experience at provincial and municipal levels. I have also supported our community in a number of other ways. I can help at the school board level.

I humbly ask for your support.