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**Candidate Name:** Todd Ferris

**Seeking Office:** Trustee - English Public, Greater Essex County District School Board

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I am Todd Ferris. My father was a proud member of the CAW and retired from GM Trim. My mother worked in Michigan as an escrow officer. I have lived in the Windsor/Essex area all of my 63 years. My education was garnered through what became Greater Essex. Both my undergraduate degree in Communications and my Bachelor of Education are from the University of Windsor.

Having taught nearly thirty years, my career spanned all elementary grades, with the majority of years spent in primary grades and Special Education. I began with the former Windsor board. I taught at John Campbell and Dougall, before departing for the county after amalgamation. After three years at Gore Hill in the Leamington area, I moved to Centennial Central in Comber.

My goals, if elected, are to save money through the elimination of waste, and to focus those savings on Special Education. The funding model is of particular interest to me. Part of my motivation to seek office is a fact-finding mission. I am puzzled, given how structured the funding is from the province, how boards are ending up in financial takeovers. The funding is divided into specific "envelopes," and a surplus cannot be used where there is deficit.

I have seen the savings to be had, firsthand, for several years. I am happy to use my knowledge, experience, and energy to affect change and make improvements! No nonsense!