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Questionnaire Results

Woodland Park School Board 2021 Candidates:

Do you agree or disagree with the idea that parents, not systems or institutions, are best positioned to select the school or educational services that best meet the needs of their children? Why or why not?

Gary Brovetto: Yes

Suzanne Patterson: Agree that parents are best positioned to know what education services and schools are best for their children. Parents know how their children learn and are ultimately responsible for their children. It is the parents responsibility to raise their children and seek the best suited services.

Aaron Helstrom: No response

David Rusterholtz: No response

Amy Wolin: No response

David Illingworth: No response

Misty Leafers: No response

Paula Levy: No response

Dale Suiter: No response

Should students in your school district have the unrestricted ability to attend a charter school or other public school of choice if their families so choose? Why or why not?

Gary Brovetto: Yes

Suzanne Patterson: Yes, parents know what is best for their children.

Aaron Helstrom: No response

David Rusterholtz: No response

Amy Wolin: No response

David Illingworth: No response

Misty Leafers: No response

Paula Levy: No response

Dale Suiter: No response



Do you believe that public charter schools or other choice schools should have the flexibility to operate autonomously within the bounds of state law, including through waivers of certain local district or board policies? Why or why not?

Gary Brovetto: Yes

Suzanne Patterson: Yes, choice in schools leads to better individual student learning outcomes.

Aaron Helstrom: No response

David Rusterholtz: No response

Amy Wolin: No response

David Illingworth: No response

Misty Leafers: No response

Paula Levy: No response

Dale Suiter: No response

If elected, how do you plan to support both new and existing public-school options—charter, magnet, online, specialty, etc.—in your school district?

Gary Brovetto: By being proactive and a conservative voice to empower parents and students

Suzanne Patterson: I will be open to various school choice options and will honestly evaluate how they can work with my public school for the best benefit of the student(s), parents, and the district.

Aaron Helstrom: No response

David Rusterholtz: No response

Amy Wolin: No response

David Illingworth: No response

Misty Leafers: No response

Paula Levy: No response

Dale Suiter: No response

As a school board member, how will you balance the needs and priorities of the district itself against the needs and priorities of families, students, and communities?

Gary Brovetto: Parents and students are the clients of the district and should have priority

Suzanne Patterson: As a school board member, my focus is on what is best for the students and parents to achieve the highest academic outcome. I believe that school choice is part of the total education solution to achieve the highest individual student outcome.

Aaron Helstrom: No response

David Rusterholtz: No response

Amy Wolin: No response

David Illingworth: No response

Misty Leafers: No response

Paula Levy: No response

Dale Suiter: No response