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Restore the Balance's School Board Candidate Survey

1. What motivates you to run for school board?

I have wanted to serve on the school board since I was on the board of Headstart. The effort was rewarded in making a difference within my community and contributing to my daughter's education.

2. What qualifications do you bring and how are you preparing to serve if elected?

As a homebuilder, I have experience in project management, budgeting, and collaborating departments. My time on the Headstart board provides educational governance experience. We oversaw grant applications, budgeting, curriculum development, and more. At one point, I was Vice President of the PTO, President of the Board, and on the Personnel Committee. I was born here and have known this community my entire life. I have personal knowledge of the Native, Hispanic, and low income needs we face. I am confident that I can represent our culture. I have been preparing by listening diligently. My perspective on some issues has changed through the past year plus since I started attending board meetings and researching Board operations. I have been searching out ideas for school safety as a priority.

3. Do you agree with the seven principles Restore the Balance feels should guide political conduct in Colorado? If you do not agree with one or more of these principles, please identify and explain why.

What a refreshing set of governance ideals! Win, lose, or draw, I would like to see these gain recognition throughout our society.

4. Durango School District and its board members have been the target of misinformation campaigns and legal threats. How should the school board address controversy, misinformation, and public criticism?

The Board should respond with transparency and facts. There has been public misinformation the board used to pass resolutions. There has been misinformation used to affect this election from two political parties.

5. What does "common ground" mean to you in the context of board decision-making?

Common ground starts with common goals. An open mind can identify that ideas can be refined through paying scrupulous attention to detail.

6. If elected, how will you listen to and represent the concerns of constituents who don't agree with you?

I do have to give recognition to the board for their coffee chats.

7. What are the top two to three issues facing Colorado and briefly how do you plan to address these issues if elected?

Teacher retention and funding shortfalls.