

JOSEPH STOKES
CANDIDATE
Manatee County School Board District 4

Mr. Stokes has been a resident of Manatee County since 2004. His Bachelors and Master's degrees are from Ball State University along with course work for licensing in School Administration. Mr. Stokes was a teacher for seventeen years in Muncie, Indiana (a former county Educator of the Year) and a principal of three different elementary schools in Muncie.

In Manatee County, in 2004, he became the principal at King Middle School. In 2009 he became Director of Elementary Schools supervising 60 administrators. In 2013, he was the Assistant Principal of Samoset ES (retiring in June 2016). From 2009-2013, he oversaw the VPK program, Extended Day after school program, and the 21st Century Grant (after school program), and was a member of the superintendent's "cabinet".

He has been a teacher and principal in Title I and non-Title I schools. Mr. Stokes has had a small rental business for 25 years, and this has been an enterprise working with people to help them with their housing needs.

As a School Board candidate, he states he will be an effective Board member by improving working relationships on the Board to improve trust among the stakeholders in the School District.