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Vision for the Board of Education

We all know the last three years have been challenging for our students, educators, and our community. I want to focus on providing means to address the challenges that will inevitably result from the difficulties of the last few years. I'm smart enough to know that I do not have all the answers, but I will strive to be an advocate for all.

Students-My goal is for DCS to equip all of our students to accomplish their dreams. I want every student, when they graduate from Davie High School or Davie Early College, to be prepared for the next phase of their lives whether that is learning a trade, going into the service, attending a college/university, or joining the workforce. My long-term vision is for every student to have such a great experience in our school system that when they are deciding to plant their roots and start families that they remain here or come back to Davie County to raise their children.

Educators-I want our teachers to feel valued and supported. I want to work with our teachers and district staff to provide ongoing training and resources the teachers need to provide the best educational experiences to our students. Our school board and county commissioners have done a great job continuing to advocate and supporting higher pay for teachers, and I will continue to do so; but pay is only a part of supporting teachers. I feel the best way to understand what our school staff needs is to have open communication among the board, staff, and administration. It is no secret that we will have a teacher shortage across the entire country over the next few years. We need to do everything we can to make Davie County the most attractive option when recruiting new teachers and staff as well as retaining our current staff.

Qualified and experienced teachers will have choices of many counties in which to work, and I want Davie County to be the destination of choice.

Parents-Parents should take pride in our school system. Parents should feel, when they drop their children off at school or when the bus picks them up in the morning, that their children will be provided a safe, nurturing environment in which to learn, grow, and develop. I want parents to be champions for not only their own children but for all children in our district. Similar to teachers, we need open communication between the board and parents. I don't want to present or talk to parents but would rather listen to them and collaborate with them. I want to celebrate the successes together and to address our opportunities.

Community-We need our community to be involved in our schools. I will look for ways to continue to partner with our community leaders, businesses, law enforcement, fire department, first responders, and community college. I want to work with the schools and community to see how we can best leverage all our resources in Davie to benefit all students. I want to make sure the community is aware of all events and opportunities to support all students from athletics to the arts.

Community/School Involvement

With four children ranging in age from 11 to 2, who enjoy being involved in a wide variety of sports and activities, my wife Jennifer and I jump in to help wherever we can with scouts, swim team, sports, and school events. I have been fortunate enough to volunteer my time as a coach and on various committees and boards.

Shady Grove Elementary is our neighborhood school. Several years ago, our PTO needed new members to volunteer. Jennifer suggested that I would make a great treasurer since I work in finance. During the last five years as treasurer, I have expanded upon and implemented systems to track our spending and fundraising efforts. We have been able to raise funds for new curriculum, new playground equipment, reimbursement for teachers, and hold community events. I am actively involved and attend executive board meetings regularly to help implement plans within our budget.

Outside of the PTO, I have been active in the school and district by serving on the School Improvement Team, Parent Advisory Committee, and District Calendar Committee. All of these outlets have allowed me to not only represent parents but also listen to what is going on in our schools. Another organization that I have been active in and now help co-lead is All Pro Dads. All Pro Dads is an amazing organization which helps get dads into the school and allows children to feel supported not only by their parents but the whole community.

I have coached soccer at the YMCA and Fusion since my oldest was four, in both the fall and spring. We are now on our 14th season. Additionally, I coached a few seasons of tee ball with my oldest two kids at the YMCA and assisted with baseball whenever needed at Davie Little League.

Basketball was one of my favorite sports to play when I was younger, and I really enjoy coaching it now. I have coached basketball for the last 8 years. I have spent the last 3 years coaching within the Davie Fastbreak and Rise Sports organizations. By coaching basketball, I not only get to enjoy one of my favorite sports with my son and his friends, I also get to teach them the importance of teamwork, dependability, responsibility, and perseverance.

In the various volunteer roles I am committed to, I interact regularly with students, parents, educators, administrators, and other members of our community. I have listened to

their hopes, dreams, and concerns for our schools. I am qualified for this position and I plan to serve our community in many positive ways. I listen well, I make decisions based on factual information, I respect others whose opinions may differ from mine, I get involved, and I speak up as an advocate when necessary.