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India Palencia Steps Up to Run for School Board

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Following the defeat of a proposed constitutional amendment last fall, elections to the Lee County School Board remain non-partisan. Recently, India Palencia filed to run for District 6, the at-large district. She shared her vision with The Informed Democrat:

Why I'm Running for Lee County School Board

I'm not a politician. I'm a mom of three sweet kids in our public schools, a taxpayer, and someone who's fed up with business as usual. I don't have big, wealthy donors or fancy connections—just a relentless work ethic and a deep love for this community.

I'm running because our schools *aren't* better than they were four years ago. Teachers are leaving, kids are slipping through the cracks, and money gets wasted while our kids go without.

Parents and teachers should work side by side for our kids. We all want the same thing—good schools and kids who do well. I believe public schools should be the best choice in school choice. I believe in backing our teachers and staff with real pay, real respect, and real support. I believe in spending every tax dollar like it's my own—with purpose, accountability, and results.

I'm not here to play party games or spread lies to divide people. I think we're all sick of that extremist nonsense. This isn't about red or blue—it's about doing right by our kids; everything else is just noise.

You'll always know where I stand. I don't make promises I won't keep. I'm tough, honest, and not afraid to call it like it is. This is for all of us—parents, workers, neighbors—coming together to fix what's busted and build something better for our kids.

Let's get to work. Visit my website to sign my petition and donate: palenciaforus.com.