

## **Cameron “Cam” Bryan, Candidate for CISD School Board, Place 4**

### **1. What is your experience with gifted education?**

All four of our children have been through or are currently in the CISD G/T program. Our experience has been positive as it has provided the additional challenge needed to push each of them to achieving a higher academic standard.

### **2. How well do you think Carroll ISD is serving our G/T and academically advanced population, overall and in the DVA or hybrid models?**

Our family has been impressed over the years with the G/T program in CISD. The weekly Quest program offered in elementary helped challenge our kids to think “outside of the box” to solve problems. This is a skill set they will need in their secondary education and later when they enter the workforce. Our daughter, who is currently a junior, and is being challenged by her AP courses has spent time in-person and DVA. We haven’t seen a decline in her learning due to the hybrid model. However, I have spoken with several teachers that say they need more training and resources to be as effective online as in the classroom.

### **3. Given that some of our G/T classes currently hold 30+ students, do you believe the unique issues surface in a class this size composed entirely of G/T students and what are your thoughts on class size as it pertains to hiring additional faculty?**

I believe larger class sizes adversely impact learning, regardless of the composition of students. It is imperative we work to lower the student/teacher ratio throughout all of our campuses. And we must be able to find ways to hire more teachers to precipitate lowering the ratio.

### **4. With 23% of the CISD student population identified as GT, how do you anticipate the recently proposed changes in funding at the state level and potential CISD budget changes to affect programs serving G/T and advanced academics programs?**

Providing a quality education for all students in the CISD must be our highest priority. We cannot allow any budget shortfall to impact this focus. I will make it a priority to “sharpen the pencil” in the budget development process to ensure our academic programs receive the resources needed to be effective and successful.

### **5. Please share any additional comments to clarify your position on key educational issues.**

In order to maintain our exemplary status we must be able to hire more teachers with the goal to reduce the teacher to student ratio. Studies have shown a lower ratio increases the opportunity of students to learn in the classroom. CISD is known for its excellence in education and maintaining its award-winning curriculum is a must.

### **6. Please tell our members how to find more information about your candidacy.**

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