

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.

Please visit my campaign website at www.cambryan4cisd.com.