



2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION ALL-CANDIDATES FORUM

SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE RESPONSES

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Question: *Why do you want to become a school board trustee?*

Answer: I am running for reelection as your Niagara Catholic Trustee to continue to build on the good work of the last four years. My priorities include advocating, supporting and celebrating Catholic Education in Niagara, continuing the work for an equitable education system for all families and ensuring that supports are sustained for student success and achievement. This will be achieved working together, following the Multi Year Strategic Plan Called By Name: Listening Learning and Leading.



Question: *What is the single greatest impact you plan to make for students?*

Answer: I will continue to make investments in programming that will assist all students achieve success in their academic journeys while in Niagara Catholic and beyond. This school year, we saw AP and AP Prep Classes introduced at Blessed Trinity and St Paul's, with plans to roll out across Niagara Catholic.



Question: *What are your thoughts on community use of schools? Should this be a priority?*

Answer: I believe that schools are a part of the fabric of a community. When possible, schools should be accessible for a reasonable cost for groups to utilize outside of school hours, as determined by the school board. By utilizing schools, it gives greater opportunity for the community to stay local for extracurriculars.



Question: *How can school boards support equity, diversity, inclusion, and human rights initiatives like Indigenous Reconciliation and 2SLGBTQ+ rights and safety?*

Answer: All Niagara Catholic students and families are entitled to a safe learning environment, free from harassment. I believe these topics should be ongoing conversations throughout the school year. As a priority in our Multi Year Strategic Plan, “Foster inclusive, equitable and safe school communities where all are welcomed and “Called By Name”.



Question: *What is the biggest challenge schools in Grimsby face, and how do you propose to address it?*

Answer: As our communities continue to grow, we need to ensure we have the right size space for students. I will continue to apply pressure to the Provincial government to expand Blessed Trinity responsibly and as required for the needs of existing and new students.

