



Candidate Questionnaire

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Education (including institution and degree):

Fallston High School Graduate,

Harford Community College Electrical Apprentice Training Program graduate

National Center for Construction Education and Research certified instructor

Years residing in Harford County: 37 years

Ages of children and where they attend school:

7, North Harford Elementary

3, Pre-Kindergarten

1. What prompted you to see election to the school board?

Many people worked very hard to make an elected school board a reality, our children are too important to have decisions about their future made by bureaucrats.

2. Share some examples of your involvement with the public schools in Harford County or elsewhere.

-As a Baltimore City Schools Industry Advisory Board Member I worked to help teachers prepare students for successful careers after school.
-I taught many graduates of the Maryland public school system during my time as an instructor. During this time I gained insight as to the strengths and weaknesses of our public schools.

3. What qualifications and/or experience do you have that will help you make a positive contribution to the school board?

- Baltimore City Schools Industry Advisory Board Member
-Associated Builders and Contractors Electrical Apprenticeship instructor
-Community College of Baltimore County Adjunct Faculty member
-Pritchard Brown Baltimore, Electrical Engineer/Project Manager

4. If elected, what are three priority issues that you will advocate as a school board member?

-Restoring parental choice is the cornerstone of my plan, and will play a key role in every issue we face from redistricting to budget shortfalls.

-Cost control will be critical for a county facing potential large deficits in the near future.

-Real World Results. The school system needs to focus on preparing students to succeed in life.

Acceptable Standardized test results will never help a graduate find a career or get into college, Teachers understand this and need to be allowed to educate our children rather than be forced to teach to a test.

5. Based on your knowledge and perceptions, what are the strengths and weaknesses of HCPS? Are there programs, activities or budgetary items that you would add or eliminate?

-I have talked with business owners, teachers, and college professors about HCPS, and the one consistent complaint is the math program. We must improve in this area.

-Parents must be allowed to raise their children as they see fit. There have been too many instances where controversial subject matter has been introduced without parental consent.

-The HCPS has done a poor job managing money, as a consequence federal dollars have been used to balance the budget. We all know this money comes with strings attached. Federal programs such as No Child left behind hamper a teachers ability to educate our children. The only way to avoid useless federal mandates and regulation is to operate within our means as a local community.

6. Please list three ways parental / community involvement can be utilized effectively in our schools.

The ultimate in parental involvement is to allow school choice. Short of that community involvement is still critical in several ways.

-The Curriculum must be based on community values and needs, not federal mandates.

-Parents and teachers must work together. Conflicting messages harm a students home life as well as their education.

-Parents need to let children, teachers, and administrators know what we expect from a public school education. Set the bar High!

7. Please use the space provided below to share any additional information not covered in the previous questions.

I am passionate about Liberty. Freedom is a gift we must be careful not to give away. The public school system should be used to educate our children, not raise them for us. School Board members make important decisions that have a broad impact on our lives. Please consider your candidates carefully.

Thank you,

Rick Grambo

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