For Board of Education Lucy Baird Age: 40

Occupation: Businessperson

I am the sole parent of a kindergartener in Albany and understand many of the issues facing working parents. As a Vietnamese refugee, I grew up in poverty and attended public schools. I was also the first in my family to attend and graduate university. My perspective is also shaped from my work where I provide efficiency roadmaps and operational support to companies and governments so that they may run better. I am passionate about education and believe in its power to transform lives and communities.

Priorities: Establishing a Community Advisory Board to address the needs of working parents and ensuring availability of before/aftercare and summer programs on a sliding scale. Make sure every student has the tools for success- Equity, inclusion and belonging reflected in student body, staff, leadership, resources, mental health programs and policies. Implement a restorative approach to bullying and disciplinary action. Providing student resources that will keep students engaged. Prepare them for college and life. Expose them to more career options. Responsibility and Transparency: Listening forums in schools for students, staff, and parents. Create public dashboard to inform the public regularly on the district's spending, progress and challenges. Aggressively pursue competitive pay for teachers.



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