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Notice of Intent to be a Candidate

1. Tell us about yourself and your connection to the Adams 12 Five Star School District.

I have been involved with a large number of district level boards and committees over the last 10 years including: The District School Improvement Team (DSIT), District Accountability Committee (DAC), Instructional Materials Committee, Graduation Requirements Committee, Five Star Leadership Academy, budget committees and other shorter duration groups. I have been involved at a school level for multiple different schools as a volunteer including judging CHSAA competitions including the state tournament in Speech and Debate. I have also assisted at the school, state and national level in judging competitions, providing advice and feedback for events, assisting in prep, and fundraising for these clubs at multiple schools: Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), Technology Student Association (TSA), Alternative Curricular Education (ACE). In addition I have been invited to speak to classes at a variety of levels and have volunteered for activities like hour of code and day of code, READ day and assisted on field trips to a variety of locations.

2. What are your goals as a member of the Board of Education?

My goal as a member of the Board is to build a complete community expectation of educational excellence. It is essential that not only parents or staff feel that education is important. It is key to build an expectation among everyone in the community that education is important. This includes parents, students, teachers, staff and the community as a whole. The district has to provide a consistent high quality education. The synergy created by the district providing an excellent education and the community expecting an excellent education translates into benefits throughout the entire community, makes it easier for teachers to teach, students to learn, and a better utilization of the tax dollars allocated for education. Everyone wins.

3. What do you think will be the top issue facing Adams 12 Five Star Schools in five years? How would you propose to address it?

The top issue facing the district will likely be growth. The district will need to plan on building at least 2 more new schools to keep up with planned growth in the next 5-10 years. The district can also help mitigate some of the impacts of growth by incentivizing movement to less crowded schools through magnet programs and choice options. Balancing the number of students in each school and providing the opportunities for high quality educational programs will be a key consideration for not just Adams 12 but all the school districts in the north metro area. But this is also an area where Adams 12 cannot just go it alone. The district will need to reach out to other governments (city and county) and work with these governments to ensure that decisions made by these governments take into account the school districts needs. For example, it doesn't make sense to approve a large number of houses where there will be families with children if there isn't a school built or planned to be built. A bit of work upfront would help prevent a lot of problems down the road.

4. What is your vision for Adams 12 Five Star Schools and how would you support this as a member of the Board?

I want this school district to be the premier school district in Colorado. That means I will work to ensure educational excellence, options for families and creating a whole community expectation of educational excellence.