D65 Candidate Survey

Thanks so much for taking a few minutes to complete the survey! Our goal is to help voters make informed decisions.

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1. Implementation of a formal environmental literacy and climate justice curriculum would empower our future generations to be knowledgeable, environmentally aware global citizens. Do you support the development of a Climate Justice curriculum and a general adoption of Environmental Science lessons for kindergarten through eighth grade? (for an example of such a curriculum see: https://www.zinnedproject.org/campaigns/teach-climate-justice) * O Yes No
2. Energy consumption in buildings is the greatest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Evanston.

a. Would you support electrifying buildings?

O Yes

No

b. Would you endorse development of a long-term infrastructure planning process to incorporate facility upgrades and replacements, such as HVAC and lighting systems, that incorporate climate change-conscious approaches? *
Yes
○ No
c. How can long-term Buildings and Grounds Planning be advocated on schools' short-term budgets? *
It need to be presented on a much longer term ROI. School budget CAN be long term, you just have to have the right advocates who think long term.
3. Would you support events such as a D65 Green Team end-of-year locker & classroom cleanout? *
Yes
○ No
4. Would you support an official D65 Earth Week to be held every April? *
Yes
O No

No

a. Would you support (D65 Green Team-established) Earth Week programs such as the "10 Second Film Festival" for students to express their environmental ideas and creative solutions?
Yes

6. The USDA estimates that 30 to 40 percent of food is wasted in the U.S. Large amounts of food are wasted across the district even though as many as 14 percent of Evanston residents may be food insecure. What are your top 2-3 ideas to help ensure that the school community understands how to implement Evanston's zero food waste goals? *

I'd have to understand the goals to understand the implementation. Without this, I would invite speakers into talk about food waste with the administration, staff and students.

If you have other thoughts/ details to share, please do so below.

I am not against electrification but in light of the current budget problems, it would need to be evaluated from a cost/benefit analysis and that is not clear in this survey. As someone who has spent the majority of my career working for real estate owners, I understand the need for more efficient buildings and the fact that payoff takes a long time. I think the district does a poor job of seeing the longer term focus particularly as it relates to use of buildings and my hope is that I could be an advocate vs. incumbents who have wasted revenue that didn't exist hiring in a new administration with lots of fancy titles.

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