

# Charlotte County School Board

## Candidate Questions - 2022

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What are the Charlotte County Public Schools' greatest strengths?

Our greatest strength is in our teachers and the support system behind them as well as governor and FLDOE that understands how schools should be operated.

How do you plan to support these strengths?

First, we need to make sure teachers are properly compensated and clear as many obstacles to teaching our students as possible. We must be sure that parental rights are never trampled on and forgotten and enact polices that reflect the values of our parents and community at large.

What are Charlotte County Public Schools' greatest weaknesses?

Transparency for starters as well as a denial that the type of woke culture that's permeating schools all across the country will somehow simply ignore us here in Charlotte County.

How do you plan to address these weaknesses?

We can start with being more transparent simply by having school board meetings when parents, citizens, and teachers can actually attend. Currently a 5:30 meeting is virtual impossibility for any working person much less being able to attend a 9:30 am workshop.

On certain aspects of culture, we can take steps to add on to HB 1557 that forbids sexual, non-age appropriate discussion from K-3 and expand that to K-5. I'd like to see policy specific for Charlotte County that would not allow biological males to participate in female athletics and make 100% sure that none of our mental health professionals are counseling students in gender affirmation

Why are you the right choice for the Charlotte County School Board?

I'm not only a conservative that really believes in a traditional education for students but an unapologetic supporter of parent's rights. In a broader sense I believe the school boards main job is not to micromanage the classroom but to 1) Set broad polices that reflect the values of our community. 2) Be extremely good stewards of the taxpayer's money. I'm a fresh set of eyes that won't be restrained with the "this is the way things have always been done" type of approach and 3) I understand that children are their parents to raise, not the school board. Putting parents first is the best way to put students first.

Please answer each question in 300 words or fewer and return to

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