



# Public Education Partners

## Greenville County

### Greenville County School Board of Trustees: Area 20 Candidate Questionnaire Responses

Candidates' responses were limited to 150 words per question. Other than edits to meet the 150 word limit, responses are uploaded exactly as provided.

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<b>Years in School Board Area:</b>	25 years (lifelong Greenville resident)	9
<b>Education Background:</b>	Greenville County Schools, Greenville Tech, Political Science USCS	HS diploma, some college
<b>Employment/Occupation:</b>	Vice President, M.B. Kahn Construction (18 years)	Self employed, owner of Breakaway Sports LLC
<b>Campaign website and/or social media page:</b>	<a href="http://www.chucksaylor.com">www.chucksaylor.com</a> Chuck Saylor for School Board and Chuck Saylor on Facebook	n/a
<b>Do you have children? If so, what school(s) do/did they attend?:</b>	All 4 children attended Greenville County Schools at Woodland Elementary, Brushy Creek Elementary, Brook Glenn Elementary, Taylors Elementary, Sevier Middle, Northwood Middle, Eastside High and Wade Hampton High	Yes, 5 children all homeschooled
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<b>Why do you care about public schools</b>	Public education is the spine of any	I care because I pay taxes to fund public schools

<p><b>and why are you willing to serve as a member of the Greenville County Schools Board of Trustees?</b></p>	<p>community. Public education produces the careers/professionals that manage, build and support any community. Public education is a vital key to a community's economic development and gives families/business a reason to call their community home. In my 20 years of service I have seen so many positive accomplishments by our students, which can only be reached when you have the resources to secure and support quality teachers. I love this system and the value it brings to my lifelong home. I am vested in its success and I want to expand our efforts to face today's, and tomorrow's challenges.</p>	<p>and because I believe all children need a quality education with as little interference from the government as possible. I am willing to serve on the board to ensure that our future is grounded and educated in truth and not lies or agendas</p>
<p><b>Please describe your work and volunteer background and how it prepares you to be a Greenville County Schools Trustee.</b></p>	<p>I have lived in Greenville for my entire life. Both of my parents were supporters of our school system. My mother was a 30 year veteran of the system, my father was a parent leader at the local, district and state level. I grew up seeing parent engagement in action. When our oldest child started school, Teresa and I both knew that volunteering was important, so we did. We both have served in numerous positions of leadership with PTA and SIC, with my serving as the first male National President of the PTA. These experiences, along with my business knowledge, have given me a front row opportunity to see, and support, what families expect, what teachers need and how the community interacts with our schools on a daily basis.</p>	<p>I own my own business working with schools and churches athletic programs, offering management services and staffing. My real world and hands on business experience will be invaluable to the board</p>
<p><b>What do you consider to be the most important issue for the District and Board of Trustees to focus on in the next four years and why? What role should the Board of Trustees play in</b></p>	<p>There are dozens of important issues, but if I had to narrow it down to just one it would be continuing the financial strength of the district. When you have the financial resources to provide the proper supports to our schools</p>	<p>The budget - only fiscally necessary expenses should be included, and at minimum a yearly audit should be conducted</p>

<p>addressing it?</p>	<p>you see: student success, increased teacher recruitment, safer school environments, more outside the classroom opportunities for students and more business supports. This combination helps us make sure that the needs of our students, teachers and families are addressed. The Board's role is to keep these values and needs in mind when acting on policies and administrative recommendations.</p>	
<p><b>What do you think is the greatest strength of Greenville County Schools and how would you as a Trustee work to enhance it?</b></p>	<p>Our greatest strength are the professionals we have working for us every day! Teachers, administrators, support staff, bus drivers, food service staff and more; they all help us provide the best possible learning environment for our students. The best way to enhance this effort is to work to make sure these professionals have the resources to do their job, which our students see every day!</p>	<p>The teachers and employees that dedicate their lives to improve their students' lives. I would work to find ways to recruit quality teachers and staff, provide effective and practical training for them, and compensate them accordingly</p>
<p><b>From your reading of the <i>Profile of the South Carolina Graduate</i> adopted by the SC State Board of Education and the SC Education Oversight Committee, what is your greatest area of concern in terms of academic achievement in our schools and how would you as a trustee work to address it?</b></p>	<p>The Life and Career Characteristics are solid. The areas of World Class Knowledge and Skills need to be updated/addressed annually. Yesterday's goals do not always reflect tomorrow's needs and although the work to develop this plan is commendable, what is being done to keep this work, and the report, relevant? As for Greenville County Schools, I believe you would find that our district has worked in include these points, and more in our Educational Plan. The Board must remain focused on providing the resources to make this plan, and its connected pieces work for our students.</p>	<p>Too much of a dependency on technology. Technology has its place in schools, but it should be limited and controlled. Students do not need their own personal computers in the classroom and definitely not to take home. At the very least, there needs to be much more accountability while a student is on a computer, making sure that they are using it only for true educational purposes, not for playing games, watching videos, or spending time on social media</p>
<p><b>"Critical thinking and problem solving" and "collaboration and teamwork" are among the "World Class Skills" called for in the <i>Profile of the South Carolina</i></b></p>	<p>You build these components, and others into the instructional delivery as best you can. Again, areas like "critical thinking" are evolving and it is up to the school board to provide</p>	<p>Again, take away the personal computers and any other device that can aide them in being able to use their minds to think critically, solve real world problems, and work together with</p>

<p><b>Graduate. How best can our educators instill these abilities in their students, and how should the District support them?</b></p>	<p>what teachers need to meet our Ed Plan goals.</p>	<p>others as a team. Technology is not the answer for these things. Students need face to face interaction with others, and getting back to basics by reading a physical book, writing with a physical pencil, etc. The district should stop all funding for personal digital devices and take away all existing devices from the students</p>
<p><b>What do you consider the most important factors in building a strong collaborative relationship between Greenville County Schools Administration and the Board of Trustees?</b></p>	<p>The strongest possible flow of information and respect. The board is responsible for providing our school district with the resources to meet the goals of our Ed Plan. That takes proper policies, adequate funding and community support; all directly connected with the work of the school board.</p>	<p>Identifying the administrations true needs to do their job, and then proposing and supporting initiatives to the district that will allow them to complete their jobs successfully</p>
<p><b>Teacher pay is always a top concern in recruiting and retaining quality teachers. This is reflected in Greenville County Schools' priority of keeping teacher salaries at or among the highest in the State. So other than this issue, what are the biggest challenges facing teachers today? What forms of support should the District provide for teachers facing these challenges?</b></p>	<p>Making the teaching profession attractive again should be of high importance. The political gaming, noise and cheap shots that have recently been thrown towards public education have a noticeable impact on teacher retention and recruitment. Why would anyone want to work in an environment where you consistently see your profession as a target. As for support directly to our teachers, especially newer teachers, we need to continue to expand our efforts to share best practices, in-class supports and see that our student feel safe at school (both physically and mentally). By helping with those issues a teacher can be more creative.</p>	<p>Constant or confusing curriculum changes, specifically federal government curriculum initiatives that promote specific agendas such as CRT or SEL. It is imperative that we go back to a basic core curriculum of reading, writing, math, history, and science...keep it simple. The students also need more physical activity, which allows the students to be more productive when they are back in the classroom, and it also gives the teachers some downtime</p>
<p><b>What does school safety mean to you, and how would you prioritize investment to keep students and staff most safe within our school buildings?</b></p>	<p>For obvious reasons, my ability to offer in-depth comment in this area is limited. That said, I believe that our community can see that we do take school safety very seriously. Outside the physical/building issues there are the staff related considerations. The need for more mental health counselors, school counselors and law enforcement personnel is</p>	<p>School safety is extremely important and easily fixed. We must provide adequate training on the use of firearms and arm every teacher</p>

	<p>real and there are still too few professionals in the pipeline. We will continue to address.</p>	
<p><b>What would be your priority(ies) as a board member to ensure that students with higher needs receive appropriate support to reach their highest levels of achievement?</b></p>	<p>As a parent who had a child that had higher needs, I know that this is a heavy lift. Like all of our students, students with special needs deserve the best possible understanding of what it takes for their success. One example was my work to secure legislation that now provides special needs students an employability credential upon graduation. They now have a better opportunity to secure employment with benefits. I am committed to providing all needed resources in this direction.</p>	<p>Setting high standards for the schools and holding them accountable for the performance of those students, better teacher preparation and professional development, and implementing some personalized learning initiatives</p>