

**VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
HAZEL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Tuesday, November 6, 2018
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OAKLAND AREA

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5 Candidates for School District Board Member for THREE 4-year terms

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<p>LAURA ADKINS 23756 Easterling Ave., Hazel Park, MI 48030</p>	<p>I am a lifelong resident of Hazel Park and want to ensure that the school district remains viable and a source of pride in the community. I am a graduate of Hazel Park High School and have a bachelor degree in Accounting and Management Information Systems from Central Michigan University. I am employed by Broadsword Solutions as a process improvement consultant. My husband and I have 3 children, all currently attending Hazel Park Schools. I have served the last 4 years on the Hazel Park School Board, prior to that I held positions in the school's PTA, including President and Treasurer of Hoover Elementary PTA and also Vice President of the Junior High PTA.</p>	<p>The top 3 priority issues facing the Hazel Park School District are balancing the budget, thriving in challenging times, and providing a quality education. The school district has been working to eliminate the deficit for many years. Since I started on the board 4 years ago, we have cut the deficit in half, but hard work remains. I will continue to review the budget and support making the decisions necessary to balance the budget. The school district has faced many challenges in recent years and that trend will most likely continue. It is important that the school board works with staff, parents, and the community to identify ways to continue to improve our school district so that it will thrive in years to come. I believe that Hazel Park students should have a quality education which includes challenging our brightest and providing extra help to those struggling. I will support course offerings to challenge top students and continue to look for additional ways to provide extra help to those that need it.</p>
<p>HEIDI FORTRESS 23441 Hughes Ave., Hazel Park, MI 48030</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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<p>BEVERLY HINTON 53 E. Annabelle Ave., Hazel Park, MI 48030</p>	<p>I am a lifelong resident of Hazel Park, and graduate of Hazel Park Schools. I have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. I volunteered in the PTA for a number of years, served on the Michigan PTA Board of Directors, taught Head Start here for 12 years and for 13 years was the Community School Representative at the high school. I received two Distinguished Service Awards and the Lee O. Clark Humanitarian Award for my volunteer service to my schools and city. I am running because I value education, students, teachers and my community. Strong schools create strong communities.</p>	<p>As a passionate advocate for children and public education this is my vision for an improved Stronger, School System. Quality Education for all students including discipline reform with proven programs, balanced class size, and effective leadership. Responsible budgets that maintain financial stability, and focus resources on classrooms. And we need to attract and retain quality teachers offering competitive salaries. I want to restore authentic partnerships working collaboratively with all stakeholders by giving the community back their voices to be advocates for our amazing schools!</p>
<p>COLIN A. HOUSTON 22610 Maple Ct., Hazel Park, MI 48030</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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<p>RACHEL NOTH 347 W. Pearl Ave., Hazel Park, MI 48030</p>	<p>I am a life long resident and matriculated through Hazel Park Schools until graduating in 2007. I am an alumni of Wayne State University where I received my Bachelor of Science degree in psychology management. I have spent my entire life helping others. To pay my way through college I worked as a certified pharmacy technician and nurses aide. Currently, I work at the Area Agency on Aging 1-B where I manage vendor relationships for compliance under the state and federal guidelines. Our main goal as an Agency is to enhance the lives of older adults and persons' with disabilities in the counties we serve. Since I work and generally understand funding with state and federal guidelines it has been easy to understand how the business of a school district works. The relevant skills and qualities I bring to the table are at the minimum the following: critical thinking, leadership, honesty, integrity, business and negotiating experience, calmness, and an overall compassion and sense of responsibility to the children of this school district.</p>	<p>When I was elected to the board 4 years ago, the District was roughly 8.8 million dollars in deficit. From that moment we have worked extremely hard to reduce our deficit while keeping vital programs in place for our students. As of the last budget report we have come pretty close to slashing that deficit in half. This leads me to my first priority continuing to meet the enhanced deficit elimination plan with the State of Michigan and department of treasury to inch our way of debt.</p> <p>Second priority will be to continue to implement and improve curriculum district wide. There had not been cohesive curriculum being taught around the district. As a district we are committed to every student having the same and equal opportunities to learn and because of that we have launched new curriculum K-12. I would like us to continue to improve this so our students can continued to be challenged.</p> <p>We have a successful relationship with Chrysler where our students go to learn various trade skills. My third priority is to continue to build on our band, athletics, academics and trade courses</p>

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