

**VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
HURON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Tuesday, November 8, 2016
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

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

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<p>SEAN L. CARLSON 5531 Hillsboro Ct. Commerce, MI 48382</p>	<p>Family: Married to Nicole, 2 children Leana a freshman in college and Caiden a freshman at Lakeland HS. Business Background: Small business owner since 2009. Executive Mngt. and economic development work. Public Service: Enlisted in the Army in 1987 and retired from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel in 2014. I am running for the Huron Valley School Board because I believe that a good public education prepares our students for future careers, whether that be at college or in the trades. Public education is the most important economic development program in our society. It is one of the keystones to why we are a great nation. We need to push harder to ensure that our students understand the relevance of education and the potential careers that they might pursue. We need to adapt the learning environment and experiences to challenge and prepare our students for the new careers that exist in the 21st century economy. My experience on the Board, my business background and as a parent I believe that I bring the right set of skills and perspectives to serve you on the HV school board.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safety & Security needs to be our number one priority. In order for students to learn and reach their potential they need to know they are doing it in a safe environment. We need need to get support for our Bond from our community so that we can make investments in our building and classrooms that will protect our students and staff from those who intend to do harm. 2. Early Education needs to be a priority with a focus on reading great by the age of eight. 3. Preparing students for tomorrow's future. We need to help students understand the relevance of public education. We need to show how the curriculum and classes that they are taking will help to build a competency in a certain career path and how it builds a foundation for college or a career. We need to invest time and resources in the trades. Not every student is inspired to go to college. We have a shortage of talent in the trades. We need to continue to push in our district to helping all students realize their gifts and talents, and assist them in being college or career ready upon graduation.

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<p>DENISE LYNN FORREST 2270 Cooley Lk. Rd. Milford, MI 48381</p>	<p>Employed by Huron Valley Schools for 30 years. Master’s degree from Wayne State University in Educational Leadership.</p> <p>I have been a Milford resident for 40 years. As a recent retiree from Huron Valley Schools, I retain my lifelong passion for educating students in a public school setting. I am running for Huron Valley School Board because I am a fierce supporter of public education and will bring my 30 years of experience as an educator, along with my leadership skills to continue to work collaboratively to affect positive change for Huron Valley Schools. Serving as the Teacher Association President for the past four years, I have excellent working knowledge of school finance, benefits and curriculum. I will be an asset to the Huron Valley School Board.</p>	<p>Adequate school funding: Per the School Finance Research Collaborative, it takes a minimum of \$9,590 to educate a child. HVS current allowance is \$7,871. The way to address this is legislatively at the state level, since the Michigan Legislature controls the School Aid Fund and its allocation to local districts.</p> <p>School safety: With the proliferation of school violence, it is critical that HVS continually maintain, update and re-evaluate safety systems within our school district and with our local first responders. I am on this Task Force and will continue to be. An additional component to this is to hire additional mental health professionals to our HVS staff. This is a proactive way to help our students in crisis. With adequate funding, this can be a reality.</p> <p>Passing a millage: It is crucial that the HVS community pass a facilities millage. As a board member, I will be committed to working diligently and successfully towards the passage of the next school millage. This task will involve both our HVS school community and our community at large. Great schools equal great communities.</p>
<p>VANESSA LYNN 2645 Wixom Rd. Commerce, MI 48382</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p>REBECCA S. WALSH 2500 Valley Oaks Dr. White Lake, MI 48383</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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