

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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

<p>CANDIDATES for SCHOOL BOARD</p> <p>FOUR 4-year terms <i>Vote for no more than FOUR</i></p>	<p>Question 1 (150 Words or less): Please provide biographical information and explain why you are running for School Board and relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position that you are running for.</p>	<p>Question 2 (150 Words or less): What are the top three (3) Priority Issues facing your school district and what actions would you take to address them if elected to the school board?</p>
<p>KOREY M. BAILEY 953 Westlake Ave. Oxford, MI 48371</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p>ERICK FOSTER 579 Doral Dr. Oxford, MI 48371</p>	<p>I am running for the school board because I see an opportunity to make a difference in my community and contribute to the health and well-being of the school district my son attends. I believe that our district has made significant improvements on many levels. I would like to help keep that positive momentum and help maintain focus on creating well-rounded and confident students (finding the balance between arts, academics and athletics-our core competencies). As an engineer and trained problem solver and objective thinker, I come into this role as a good listener with strong analytical skills and a focus on making data driven decisions.</p>	<p>First, I would want to ensure adequate focus is placed on maintaining the district’s financial security now and well into the future. Oxford School District is one of the lowest funded schools in all of Oakland County. Only through diligent work in the area of generating funds has the district been able to offer programs to students that would otherwise not be affordable/obtainable. It’s critical that we keep this focus and continue to set high financial goals. Second, I believe that many schools place too much importance on test scores, such as SAT and M-Step. I agree they have some level of importance in the world outside of the school walls, but I would like to be part of a school district that places an emphasis on building well-rounded students by placing equal focus on arts, academics, and athletics. Third, I think it’s important to maintain classroom sizes that are manageable, but also to support the teachers with paraprofessional help when needed.</p>

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<p>CHAD M. GRIFFITH 440 E. Peninsula Ct. Oxford, MI 48371</p>	<p>Chad is an 18 year resident of Oxford and has two children in Oxford High School. Chad has been active in the schools as soon as his kids started Kindergarten. He has provided classroom support, member of the PTO including holding the presidency for 2009/2010 school year. Chad has also been an active participant in strategic planning sessions for the district as well as serving as a consultant for the Information Technology CTE curriculum at the high school. Chad has been working in the IT industry for over 20 years and is currently managing a team of Infrastructure and Software Engineers for a major auto maker. In this role, Chad is responsible for aligning the right people with the necessary tools to complete projects. He also has to manage HR function; people development, hiring/firing, etc. Chad's passion for Oxford and education coupled with his professional track record, would make him a great asset to the Oxford Board of Education.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The board reviewed standardized testing scores recently and there needs to be continued improvement. The district has been executing plans to improve student achievement but it will require ongoing commitment to maintain the focus. If elected, I will make sure the proper focus continues and will hold the district accountable for the results. 2. The community approved a bond to fund improvements so now the board needs to make sure fiscal responsibility is maintained. 3. The exchange student program and foreign language policy has been a hot topic for several years now. The superintendent has revised his priority but there are still a lot of people that don't understand what changes have been made. The details around these topics need to be communicated to parents regularly so they can understand what the direction is and how it affects our students.

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<p>MARY HANSER P. O. Box 87 Leonard, MI 48367</p>	<p>I am the mother of two Oxford students, married for over 18 years, and a dedicated volunteer. I earned my BBA from Walsh College and serve as the Director of Operations at Renaissance Unity in Warren.</p> <p>I care . . . about our students, their families, our teachers and support staff, and volunteers. I care about our community. I bring a positive, solution-oriented voice to the board and am willing to listen to all sides before weighing the positions. I am committed to providing a quality education and experience for all Oxford students. It would be an honor to serve my community, drawing from my education, career, and volunteer experience to support our district goals.</p> <p>As a volunteer with robotics and band, I have connected with students, teachers, and parents, as well as school and district staff. This has given me a unique viewpoint—of multiple perspectives. I am committed to taking these multiple perspectives into account in decision making. These volunteer experiences, in addition to what I have learned through my business career, provide a balanced voice on the board.</p>	<p>Board Communication & Transparency – I will work with administration and other stakeholders to improve the electronic distribution of public board documents (i.e. agendas, minutes, proposed policy changes). We need to simplify the process for providing information to the community and make it available in a reasonably timely manner.</p> <p>Community Representation – I have noticed that community members often bring issues and questions into public forums after there is a problem. They do not appear to have a relationship with the board that represents them. I will establish effective and efficient avenues for community members ask questions, provide feedback, and make their positions known to the board. The board needs community input to best serve community needs, and community members want to know that their voice is heard.</p>

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<p>KALLIE ROESNER 3100 Delano Road Oxford, MI 48371</p>	<p>I have been lucky enough to call Oxford my home for the last 26 years and am blessed with 2 wonderful boys (both Oxford High School graduates) and a very supportive husband who is a physician. I would like to improve communication and responsiveness from our school board and refocus our district back on the children of our community and create a budget which includes adequate funding for repairs and maintenance</p> <p>24 years of service on the Planning Commission has enabled me to become an effective, solution-focused problem solver with a proven history of being responsive to citizens. I demand governmental accountability and transparency, debate issues and keep an open mind. Board members have a duty to perform due-diligence and make fact-based decisions.</p> <p>Effective boards debate issues, evaluate progress, take accountability, keep the public informed, and make changes when programs are not performing. I want to create an effective and responsive board that is responsible with our resources and makes decisions based on the best interest of our children as well as our community.</p>	<p>FOCUS – ACHIEVEMENT – COMMUNICATION</p> <p>Education achievement gap scores reveal we are inadequately supporting students. Excessive resources are used to recruit non-district students resulting in declining student achievement. We must refocus our attention and resources on the children of this community and evaluate programs to identify the tangible benefit they provide and eliminate those that do not. I want to focus on our community and keep families here which ensures long-term district financial stability and keeps business and jobs here</p> <p>Charter Schools promise ‘better education and responsive board members’. Our parents need to be confident that our board is receptive, responsive, and keeping a watchful eye on student success so our students stay in Oxford Schools. We must do better to prove to our parents and community members that we are responsive to their concerns and keep them informed and I will work to accomplish that</p> <p>Call, email or message me and let’s talk EDUCATION!</p> <p>Great schools require great Leadership - Great Leadership requires Teamwork and Transparency</p>

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