

**VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
PONTIAC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

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11 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>BETHANY BLACKBURN 29 Waldo St. Pontiac, MI 48341</p>	<p>I was raised in South Florida and I moved to Arkansas in 2006 to attend college. After deciding to leave college I pursued a career in cosmetology, during that time I fell in love with the food service industry. Until I moved to Pontiac in 2015, I managed a country club and thoroughly enjoyed that work. I moved to Pontiac to work for the non-profit, Micah 6 Community, to help pioneer the small business, Sprout Fresh Food Store.</p> <p>My passion for the growth of Pontiac led me to run for the School Board. As a small business owner I have had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with many members of the community, enabling me to communicate with them about what the future of Pontiac looks like. I am outgoing, giving me an advantage when it comes to networking and creating partnerships. Being able to create partnerships as resources is something I can bring to the table in hopes of building a stronger school system.</p> <p>Overall, I am confident that my passion and life skills could be a beneficial asset to the Pontiac School Board. I love Pontiac and prioritized education.</p>	<p>1. Health and Wellness Education- owning a produce store gives me a great avenue to help broaden education about health and wellness. When your body has what it needs to function the capacity for learning is greatly increased. Being able to share this in school and through meal offerings would be an easy way to scattered that seed.</p> <p>2. Guidance for Post High School- as someone that enjoyed vocational school myself, I believe there is great benefit to informing students about their options. In a world where college is very competitive and pricey, setting yourself up for success through vocational career training can be very valuable. Other guidance students should have wider access to is help applying for scholarships. Many Pontiac area students that would like to pursue college have grown up in unique experiences that could merit them scholarships.</p> <p>3. Partnerships-building partnerships throughout the city could greatly strengthen the school system. When a partnership is built and resources are shared through that, no one entity has to spread themselves too thin, giving them capacity.</p>
<p>KENYADA BOWMAN 268 W. Pike St. Pontiac, MI 48341</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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<p>EISHA BRANNER P. O. Box 430644 Pontiac, MI 48342</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p>WILLIAM A. CARRINGTON 185 Carr St. Pontiac, MI 48342</p>	<p>I am running for re-election for School Board because I believe that public education is essential for the long-term growth of students along their life-course, as well as vital to sustainability for my community and city.</p> <p>-I have obtained various degrees along with my life course: BA in Business Administration, Master of Arts-Sociology and MPA in Public Administration and other degrees. My diverse educational background has given me the opportunity to understand budget and balance sheets, social inequalities in education and government policies.</p> <p>-Data and Quality Manager for Wayne State University-SOM Infectious Disease department. In this role, I supervise database assistants and data coordinators across several clinics; implement yearly clinical management program and chair various committees; provide required data reports to federal, state, and local agencies; and perform within fiscal budget restraints.</p> <p>-Adjunct Professor at Oakland Community College-Auburn Hills campus. I facilitate class instruction and evaluate student performance.</p> <p>-President of the Pontiac School District.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to raise student achievement: As School board trustee, I will continue to ensure that our approved annual budget reflects having resources allocated appropriately to improve student achievement. We are making the right decisions from the board table. Our fiscal deficit has been reduced from \$52 million dollars to just under \$10 million dollars in just four years. 2. Continue to reduce the current School District fiscal deficit: Continue to support Administration recommendations that reduce our fiscal deficit. Also, continue to build on community partnerships that assist the district in developing a positive school culture for our students' well-being. 3. Continue to involve the community stakeholders in the school district: Continue to support the Parent University Program to engage families throughout the community in focusing on education, and parenting. I will continue to participate in community forums to discuss ideas, concerns, and resolutions to the ever-evolving education system in Pontiac.

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SHAQUANA DAVIS-SMITH 769 Owego Dr. Pontiac, MI 48341	<p>My name is ShaQuana Davis-Smith I was born and raised in Pontiac. All four of my children successfully graduated from the Pontiac School district. I drove the school bus for Pontiac district for five years. And I have volunteered for the athletic department for years and I'm still volunteering. And I wanted to run because I'm a concerned parent that would like to fight for our children.</p>	<p>One of my priorities is the Parent and community participation. Another priority is we do not receive the same funding that our surrounding districts receive. Lastly I would like to continue the decrease of the deficit. I would try to bridge our parents and community with the district by having effective communication with the parents by letting them know they have a voice in their child's education. Also I would fight to revise federal fiscal comparability policy, because if it was enforced it would result in positive changes for high poverty schools. And lastly just continue to help with monitoring our budget and making wise choices on our spending.</p>
PETER DURHAM 418 Lake Laura Dr. Pontiac, MI 48341	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
ALBERT HODGE 2271 Phillips Dr. Auburn Hills, MI 48326	<p>I'm running for the board to help my community progress. With 32 years of teaching experience in multiple school districts, experience as a school assistant principal and principal, business owner, a superintendent internship, college instructor, state and national education conference speaker, experience with school board leadership, and father of six children, I believe I can benefit the school district.</p> <p>My education includes a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Education from Oakland University, an Educational Doctorate from the University of Michigan, a Certificate in Educational Redesign from Harvard University, and 21 credits from classes offered by the Michigan Association of School Boards.</p>	<p>Three top priorities include increasing district finances and resources, providing instructional opportunities for our students, and competitively raising faculty and staff salaries to retain and attract quality personnel. I plan to address these issues by introducing innovation to increase and improve our student's instructional time and academic offerings, providing better human and social services in the schools, attracting more local business and corporate investment in our district, advocating for more public school funding and equitable financing methods, and providing marketable community education, among other actions.</p>
SUAVE LAVALLIS 103 Elm St. Pontiac, MI 48342	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	

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DUBRAE L. NEWMAN 433 Harvey Ave. Pontiac, MI 48341	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
GEORGE ROGERS 604 Alton Ave. Pontiac, MI 48341	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	
CAROLL Y. TURPIN 44 Vinewood Ct. Pontiac, MI 48341	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	

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