

**VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
WALLED LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

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3 Candidates for School District Board Member for TWO 6-year terms

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<p>PEGGY CASAGRANDE 2630 Wyncliff Dr. Commerce, MI 48390</p>	<p>I am a resident of the Walled Lake School District for more than 20 years. I am finishing my tenth year as a board of education member and have held all positions on the Board: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Trustee. I have experience advocating for our students on the legislative front locally, at the state level, and in Washington D.C. Further, I understand our role as board members is to ensure policy is up to date as well as supporting, questioning, and approving an annual budget so that we are serving our district well each year and allocating available funds responsibly. Finally, our job includes hiring and evaluating the superintendent. I have experience interviewing and hiring a superintendent. I was an integral part of the hiring team when we brought Mr. Gutman to the district. I am also a member of the Board's performance review committee. While serving on the Board, I achieved Levels I, II, and III School Board Certifications as well as a Data Specialty Certificate. I have a bachelor's from Michigan State University and a master's from Walsh College.</p>	<p>First, we must continue to understand high school graduation requirements so that we maintain our reputation as a top school district in Oakland County that has a high graduation rate (in the 90th percentile) and prepare students to be college or career ready. Walled Lake must continue to offer a diversity of classes whether that be vocational tech, AP courses, the IB program, or music/the arts, and sports programs to help students achieve. Second, we must continue to be fiscally responsible with a balanced budget and use funds wisely from the state of Michigan and Federal government. We must understand why it is important to advocate for Title I, II, and IV funds that pay for special education, teacher / staff professional development, and counseling services for our students in need. Also, I will continue to educate our community and collaborate with legislators to understand the cost of educating a student in Michigan. Finally, student safety must be a priority for Walled Lake students and staff. We must allocate funds to ensure we train personnel and secure our buildings.</p>

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<p>GREG PAVUK 2865 W. Bloomfield Oaks Dr. West Bloomfield, MI 48324</p>	<p>I came to Michigan in 1994 to attend GMI Engineering Institute where I received my BS in Mechanical Engineering. I also attained a MSME from Oakland University in 2000. I have been employed at Meritor for 24 years and have enjoyed working as an Engineer on interesting programs including some for the Defense industry. In the last 7 years I have been making a transition towards more commercial responsibilities including launching cost reduction and product improvement programs. As a Product Line Manager I'm responsible for what products we offer today, how much they cost, and for the strategic planning of what products we will offer in the years to come.</p> <p>I'm running for School Board because we have two daughters in 5th Grade and want to ensure the quality of their education until they receive their diplomas. But just as importantly I want to ensure the opportunity and quality of education amongst ALL students in the WLCSO; including those that excel, struggle, or just need a little extra attention. Best possible preparation for all our kids for whatever they do next.</p>	<p>The primary issue is shrinking funding due to shrinking enrollment. Student Count data shows the downward trend year over year, and the result is that the district struggles with making ends meet less >\$2M per year. I would create a Board Finance Committee and open it to public participation. I would drive to create a systematic method of identifying and implementing better methods to get more value for every funding dollar. Only when we get ahead of the rate of funding decline can we really look at how to reinvest.</p> <p>The second issue work on is the teachers and Para's, who year over year give concessions in pay and benefits. In the long term not only can that demotivate good teachers, but also reduce the quantity and quality of incoming workforce. I would like to see more training, mentoring, development, and stable pay.</p> <p>The third issue I want to help work on is addressing declining test scores. We should use data to determine root causes, the effectiveness of changes, and benchmarking of other School Systems. The whole goal of our schools is the education.</p>

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<p>MARC A. SIEGLER 30285 Southampton Ln. Farmington Hills, MI 48331</p>	<p>Marc Siegler is a strong advocate of public education with over 24 years of experience on the WLCS Board of Education. He is active within the community and county supporting public education. He is currently President of the Oakland County School Board Association, Secretary of the WLCS Foundation for Excellence, Trustee on the WLCS Board and an active member of the county legislative organization. Experience and depth of knowledge are needed as we deal with economic issues, underfunding of education and mandates from the State and Federal levels. We need to require our State to utilize the Adequacy Study and properly fund public education for all public schools within the State of Michigan.</p>	<p>1. Underfunding of the district as a result of Proposal A and loss of secondary funding sources.</p> <p>The recently released adequacy study shows how the state has underfunded the education system in our public schools. This is limiting all districts in preparing our children for the future. We need the state to immediately start utilizing the study and properly fund our schools. The study and results have to be a tool to provide all districts and students an opportunity to grow and learn.</p> <p>2. Service cuts to Special Education, ELL and At Risk Funding</p> <p>We need to gather all of our communities to make our Senate and House members realize the true costs of these programs and determine how we can properly finance these going forward. All students deserve the opportunity to learn and have advocates representing them. I would continue to lead the charge for EVERY CHILD EVERY DAY.</p> <p>3. Penalizing of Districts for low fund equity levels</p> <p>Why are we going to penalize a district for displaying proper financial controls if their Fund Balance is below 5%. This rule is in need of argumentation.</p>

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