

Candidate Forum Opening Statement
Providence District Council Meeting
Thoreau Middle School
September 29, 2009

My name is Chris DeCarlo and I am a candidate for the office of School Board.

I am campaigning for this office:

1. to promote school and classroom environments that are more conducive to learning through improved ergonomics.
2. to support extra curricular activities because they provide opportunities for intrapersonal and interpersonal development which are essential for successful handling of future responsibilities.
3. to protect the basic subjects of reading, writing, math, and science so students leave school with abilities to function in and maintain our community as citizens, professionals, and taxpayers.

I am personally invested in Providence District and the schools it serves because I grew up in these neighborhoods and attended these very schools. I graduated from Cedar Lane, Thoreau, and Marshall. My life serves as an example of what this area and these schools can produce and I would like to help our children achieve their goals as I did.

At 50 years of age I am a responsible taxpaying member of our community with a wife who graduated from Woodson and children attending public schools. Since graduation I have learned a lot that they did not teach us in school. In particular, my experiences have shown me that our elected officials have lost control of a growing and complex administration.

As your representative to the school board I will help you take back control by asking the questions other board members are inhibited to ask and by not giving you filtered answers provided by a political party or an administration. I am not part of a political establishment with agendas to promote and interests to protect. I just want to apply the principles of good government that I learned in these classrooms.

I will be your advocate and I will investigate in person how operations are run and how decisions are justified. I am going to walk to school, eat the cafeteria food, and sit in class with your children.

I share your concerns and frustrations and I am the best candidate to work with you to make our children's education the best it can be.

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