

BEING AN EDUCATED VOTER FOR THE 2022 ELECTIONS

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th. The LPTSA Council is working hard to help share information so our members can be educated voters. The following is for informational purposes. Remember to vote on (or by) Tuesday, November 8th.

L-PTSA Council Candidate Forum for the LPS Board of Education

On September 29, the seven Candidates running for the three open seats on the LPS Board of Education participated in a Forum hosted by the Livonia PTSA Council. The Candidates answered 21 questions over ~90 minutes.

This Forum was recorded live at the Livonia City Hall Auditorium. Thank you to the City of Livonia, LivoniaTV, and Nathan Rockwell (LivoniaTV) for support us with use of the building and the technology.

Video of the forum is available here:

<https://youtu.be/tXuZaf1YNLA>

Thank you to those who submitted questions...we received 66 submissions; it was a challenge for our committee to select the questions to use.

To learn about the Candidates, we encourage you to watch this Forum and checkout their websites / social media.

Incumbents:

Colleen Burton - www.committeetoelectcolleenburton.com

Liz Jarvis - <https://sites.google.com/view/electlizjarvis/home>

Mark Johnson - www.citizensformarkjohnson.com

https://www.facebook.com/Jarvis-Johnson-Burton-for-Livonia-Public-Schools-109589475247282/?ref=page_internal

Challengers:

Jeff Ferguson - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085697394226>

Emily Keith - <https://www.facebook.com/EmilyKeithforLivoniaPublicSchoolBoard>

Pam Morgan - <https://www.facebook.com/bestchoice4trustee2.livonia/>

Reina Vendramini - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085078600799>

Livonia Observer / Hometown Life Article on the LPS BOE Candidates:

<https://www.hometownlife.com/story/news/politics/elections/2022/09/28/livonia-school-board-meet-the-seven-2022-candidates-for-the-district/69498470007/>

L-PTSA Council Candidate Questionnaire – Michigan House & Senate and U.S. House for the LPS Community

Livonia PTSA Council sent questions about K-12 education to the Candidates in the below noted races. At this time, only seven of the 12 Candidates have replied. We will update if additional

replies are received. The replies that have been received are available via the hyperlinks below. Candidates' answers were not edited; however, they were formatted to fit the page: some spacing, sizing and font changes may have been made.

Link to all replies combined:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/15ixgAwdhc8FOd3pSGsw8VL8wHILU_oD0/view?usp=sharing

For the State House, three different Districts represent the LPS Community:

Michigan State House District 16

Keith Jones (R) – replied

Stephanie Young (D)³ – replies

https://drive.google.com/file/d/19w0hXqxEXmn8xE5tY-McZffvih_ZxAgv/view?usp=sharing

Michigan State House District 17

Penny Crider (R)^{1,2} – did not reply

Laurie Pohutsky (D) – replied

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XEcfO5StTnUFBY5NdkEWYhw31I_CiM_x/view?usp=sharing

Michigan State House District 22

Cathryn Neracher (R)^{1,2} – did not reply

Matt Koleszar (D) – replied

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1swA0IazTF1_g1Jr96Rdy2sfl7SDMQJpy/view?usp=sharing

For the State Senate, 2 different Districts represent the LPS Community:

Michigan State Senate District 5

Emily Bauman (R)^{1,2} – did not reply

Dayna Polehanki (D) – replied

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rRGtKigTe1x08OosWwEEXXM_NY3yrIsQ/view?usp=sharing

Michigan State Senate District 6:

Mary Cavanaugh (D) – replied

Ken Crider (R)^{1,2} – did not reply

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kQc-kehqOejYOmJysj2JkhAyoqcyAWB/view?usp=sharing>

For the U.S. House of Representatives:

U.S. House - Michigan District 12:

Steven Elliott (R)¹ – did not reply

Rashida Tlaib (D) – replied

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bs3vu4Ki7HhoGH_IYtntdKiwkP_xI9-y/view?usp=sharing

¹ emails sent to the candidate on Sept 11 & 22

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gTCwbztuJekeP3cB-AnUYwyma5h12Egs?usp=sharing>

² verbally discussed with candidate on Sept 18

³- updated with a reply received after the initial 10/3 release

Livonia Observer / Hometown Life Article on the State House District 22 Candidates:
<https://www.hometownlife.com/story/news/politics/elections/2022/09/27/michigan-election-2022-koleszar-neracher-seek-house-district-22-seat/67996409007/>

Livonia Observer / Hometown Life Article on the State Senate District 5 Candidates:
<https://www.hometownlife.com/story/news/politics/elections/2022/09/29/candidates-in-5th-district-senate-race-answer-questions/65474572007/>

Other Election Resources

Vote.Run.Serve Livonia:

- FB Page - <https://www.facebook.com/vote.run.serve>
- Candidate Meet and Greet at Mies Park - <https://fb.watch/fWEYxWNbb4/>

For information on how to vote:

- Livonia – <https://livonia.gov/199/Vote-Livonia>
- Westland – <https://www.cityofwestland.com/211/Elections>

Note: The Livonia PTSA Council is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) that cannot and does not endorse candidates, but can provide information about relevant candidates to applicable stakeholders.

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