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2021 Albuquerque Public Schools Board Candidates Survey

Name: Crystal Tapia-Romero

Q2

Please list your campaign website or other online sources where voters can learn more about you and your positions.

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Q3

What APS district are you running for?

District 5

Q4

As a school board member, what will be your top priority?

Restoring Trust between the families and the district.

Q5

When voting on an APS policy, what do you think is the most important thing to consider?

The needs of the students.

Q6

What experience do you have in creating budgets and what will you prioritize in the APS budget?

I have personally created and operated budgets over hundred's of millions of dollars. My goal is to ensure that the funds are reaching the classroom. Teachers and students should see a direct benefit of the 1.6 billion dollar budget.

Q7

Please provide your position on the APS Superintendent's contract being tied to student outcomes and explain why you feel that way.

The success and challenges of an organization start at the top. The Superintendent is responsible for the outcomes of each school. The Superintendent is responsible for principals, teachers, and support staff. We need results not excuses.

Q8

What factors should play into a decision on closing a school?

Low Enrollment. If there isn't a need for a school then the students should shift to other schools.

Q9

Do you support or oppose mandating that children are taught Critical Race Theory (CRT)?

Oppose

Q10

What do you think is the most important skill(s) a child should learn in school?

Social skills;

Communication skills; or

Basic skills of reading, writing and math.

Other (please specify):

Social skills

Q11

Should teachers be held accountable for students' academic achievement or lack thereof? Why or why not?

Yes. The teacher does hold the majority of the responsibility as to what is being taught. They need to ensure that students receive support and resources as needed through early intervention if one notices a student is falling behind. Then there should be a path the student is placed on to ensure the proper outcomes. Student support needs to be a priority early on.

Q12

How should the Capital Master Plan reflect the continuing decline of APS enrollment?

We need to expect better outcomes for our students throughout the district. 30% proficiency in reading and math is unacceptable and the students and families deserve better. We must improve our outcomes to ensure we keep the students within our district.

Q13

As an APS Board member, please explain your position in regards to involving business community members in advising how best to prepare students for future careers.

The business community holds a vital role in the education system. When students are educated properly, this includes academics, social & emotional well being, and mental health then the student is prepared to enter into the business community. The business community can help with students through a trade program and to help put When the education system improves, businesses can also attract a better workforce.

Q14

Please provide details of any arrest record you may have.

None

Q15

Please describe to voters why you are best candidate to fill a position on the Board of Education.

I am the only Educator on the ballot for my district. I understand the needs of the classroom and also know how to operate it from an Administrative point of view based on my business background of being a small business owner. I have direct experience managing and overseeing large budgets. Additionally, as a mom of children ages 22, 18, 6, I have a reputation of being a proven leader within the community and I know what it will take to improve APS for our students. I believe it's time to expect results instead of excuses.