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2021 Las Cruces Public Schools Board Candidates Survey

Name: Eloy Francisco Macha

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

website - <https://macha4lcps.net> facebook - Eloy Francisco Macha - Candidate - LCPS School Board, District 3 (<https://www.facebook.com/macha4lcps.net>)

Q3

What district are you running for?

Las Cruces Public Schools, District 3

Q4

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

Focus and prioritize all School District resources on preparing our students for their future, ensuring they have the must-have competencies in reading, writing and sciences such that they can be immediately impactful in their college careers, 2yr technical certificate pursuits, Trade/Vocational pursuits or direct-to-work endeavors. In doing so, we will instill life-long learning habits towards each of our students.

Q5

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

We cannot afford to distract our limited resources at school district, our administrators and our educators in matters that are impacting our education frontline - our classrooms. I will prioritize and focus on policies, regulations and resolutions that have direct positive impact in each of our classrooms, our students and educators.

Q6

What experience do you have in creating budgets and what will you prioritize in the Las Cruces Public Schools budget?

In my professional IT career, I have scoped both technical projects and solutions, taking into account budgetary considerations along with accountability, liability and remediation considerations. Ultimately, a budget has accountability consequences where funding sources need to be properly administered to the direct success of our school district. I will insist that ALL funding sources are fully transparent and DO NOT have any 'strings-attached' which are not under the scope and responsibility of our school district's prevue.

Q7

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

It's insufficient to limit the superintendent's contract to solely the outcome of our student's performance. Additional considerations are educator impact and performance, educator retention and ensuring the administration 'overhead' is minimal and correctly reflects the positive impact of each program to the success of our students and our educators.

Q8

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

Key factors and considerations include: the benefit for our students academic success; Trends in population growth; maintaining a balance of teacher/student ratio; and the hybrid/evolving manner in which educational content is created and delivered

Q9

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

Other (please specify):

CRT Themes SHOULD NOT be infused nor taught in any of our K-12 classes or curriculum; CRT research should only be held in post-master settings (if at all).

Q10

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

Other (please specify):

Core basic skills of reading, writing and math; immediately followed by communication skills

Q11

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

Our student's academic achievement is a shared accountability between parents, students and their educators. We need to properly articulate the expectations of each involved in this shared accountability and responsibility model, and only then can we consider holding accountable our educator's for certain aspects of our student's academic success. At the very minimum, our educators need fully articulate and be able to present their curriculums in a manner that most of our student's will understand and be able to keep pace with. Having smaller class sizes, grouping students in their adeptness skills, and encouraging students to tutor to each other could be areas which our educators could benefit from in our student's academic achievements.

Q12

How should the Capital Master Plan reflect the trend of declining enrollment?

The School Districts needs to recognize that parents are embarking on various and novel educational delivery vehicles for their students - the rise of Coursera, remote learning and other educational services supports this trend. Key capital investments need to be strategic and be able to provide benefit to our students and community as these trends expand. That said, our school district should consider budget and spend options which allow the creation of novel educational content, novel educational delivery of that content, yet maintain community-like experience in our schools.

Q13

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

Local Challenges require Local Solutions - our community is best suited to address challenges we see in our local schools. Our business community members are innovators, entrepreneurs of their own-right and have keen problem-solving approaches which our school district could benefit from. At the same time, our business community can be the 'canary-in-the-coal-mine' to provide immediate feedback to our school district on the readiness of our students as they enter the workforce. The School District would benefit from this first-hand accounts to address and/or enhance areas in which our student's may have gaps in their readiness. One novel approach could be an internship opportunity to our students in late middle-school / early high-school for them to glean on the importance of sound education on the key skills they will need in post-secondary environments.

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

As parent and grandparent, I am keen on ensuring any investment in our future, primarily our students, is a top-most priority as they are a reflection of our community over the next 12+ years. As an innovator, researcher and technology patent holder, I see opportunities in which we can springboard Las Cruces, and the surrounding communities, into an environment where we attract entrepreneurs and expand our various business types by ensuring our students are adept and ready with those must-have and desirable skillsets that will be needed over the next 15-20yrs. I will work hard to set policies that will help retain and grow our talent for our workforce.

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Please provide details of any arrest record you may have.

None