

1) *What population do you see as being most underserved in AISD at present? What do you intend to do about it?*

Our Special Education students and our English Language Learners are two of the most underserved populations I am aware of at this time. We need additional staffing and resources.

2. *A month after the school year has started, we've had an opportunity to see how our reopening strategy has worked here, and across the nation. Based on this information, what, if anything, do you think we need to do differently in January?*

We need to go back to in-person instruction in January. For many reasons including safety, trauma, mental health, and hunger. Our schools provide all these basic needs for so many of our students. Our in-person instruction should be optional to allow for families to opt-in.

3. *As you all know, the decision of the board to move forward with the school closures, principally in East Austin, has caused considerable controversy. If elected, how will you work to ensure the affected students have their social, emotional, and educational needs met?*

First, the manner in which the district closed campuses was not communicated or transparent and continues to cause mistrust for the district. Going forward our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) teams should work with our students and families impacted by these decisions.

4) *Everyone swears their oath before the school board intending to take action on a whole host of great things, but often new members are confronted with the perennially precarious position of the district's finances. What will you do to ensure our finances do not hinder our goals?*

Our finances continue to hinder our goals because we have a legislature problem and a declining enrollment problem. We need to advocate at the Texas Legislature to better fund public education. I have 20 years experience working with the legislature. We also must stop the continuous drop in enrollment. We do that in two ways. First to find out why students left to charter schools and recruit them back to AISD. Second, make sure we are serving ALL our students so they will stay with AISD.