

2026 School District Trustee Candidate Questionnaire

Core Responsibilities

- **Set Strategic Direction:** Create multi-year strategic plans and policies that guide student learning and district priorities.
- **Manage Finances:** Approve annual operating budgets and capital plans to ensure public funds support student success.
- **Hire Leadership:** Appoint and evaluate the school district superintendent (or chief executive officer).
- **Represent the Community:** Listen to local families, taxpayers, and Indigenous communities, bringing their concerns to the board table.

Questions:

1. What are your 3 main reasons for running for School Trustee?
2. Do you support the replacement of RMS? Many new schools have been built and others renovated to accommodate more students while Rutland Middle School, that is now over 70 years old, has only been renovated. What efforts would you make as a Trustee to have Rutland Middle School replaced rather than 'renovated'? If so how is this going to be achieved?
3. Are you in favour of better administration of the rules around EV bikes and scooters?
4. Are you aware of the traffic jams on Rutland road as a result of uncontrolled crossing at RMS? If so what are your plans to alleviate the jams?
5. We understand that bullying has become a major issue within School District #23 (Central Okanagan) resulting in some parents removing their child(ren) from one school and placing them in another or even resorting to homeschooling. What would you do to help ensure that the 0 Tolerance Policy is enforced throughout the school district and that victims are heard and not punished for standing up for themselves?
6. Too often we hear that students with exceptional needs are not being allowed on school field trips because the support is not there. What efforts would you make as a Trustee to ensure that all students are able to participate equally?