

YUMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

2024 School Board Candidates:

David Ibarra:



I am qualified to be a School Board member for District One, based on my past experience as a Licensed Psychiatric Nurse, a D.A.R.E Officer, SWAT (HNT)member and a Police Sergeant.

I am a Veteran and I served in Iraq and Afghanistan. I'm a member of the VFW.

I worked for Castle Dome Middle School as a Crossing Guard and as a Custodian. I gained a great deal of knowledge regarding the needs of Yuma School District One.

School Safety:

It is important to provide a safe learning environment for our students. This includes a secured perimeter, access control at main entrances, along with following the emergency response plans that are in place.

Classroom refurbishments:

Most classrooms are in need of new carpet, floor tiles, and ceiling tiles. It is important to have a contemporary and inviting learning environment for our students, teachers and paraprofessionals.

Staff retention and support staff:

Our teachers, paraprofessionals and office staff along with our custodians, maintenance crew, grounds crew, kitchen staff, bus drivers and bus monitors need better pay and benefits.

Partnership:

It is important to have a partnership of students, families and staff to ensure that our students achieve high levels of academics and personal success.

As a School Board member, I pledge to tour every school to find security vulnerabilities and develop a plan of action to ensure that the vulnerabilities we find are addressed.

I plan on speaking with our teachers and support staff at each school about what can be done to improve staff retention.

David Ibarra

Candidate for District One School Board.

Faith Klostreich:

No Response Submitted.

Cori Rico:

No Response Submitted.

Jeff Stoner:



As a Yuma native of 50 years, I have attended school from kindergarten to college, married my wonderful wife, Christine, raised all three of our children, and own a successful electrical contracting business in this community I truly love, work in, volunteer in, and fully support.

Watching two of my children as they worked in the public education system as teachers and a FFA advisor, I experienced first hand what is going on in our public school system. I have watched while teachers are continuously losing their ability to properly and adequately instruct and discipline their students in the classroom. I have seen how teachers are forcibly paying out of pocket for even the simplest educational materials needed in their classrooms. I have learned how teachers are afraid to speak up due to not only the lack of peer support but also the threat of losing their job by not getting a contract renewal if they speak up. Recently, our schools have been tasked with addressing single sex areas and keeping our children feeling safe and comfortable in these areas. The three women on our current board and superintendent refuses to properly address this issue.

It is through these personal experiences that I decided I have had enough and need to make a change.

-I believe single sex areas such as bathrooms, locker rooms, showers, and overnight hotel stays must remain separated by biological sex and that the current “verbal practice” our schools are using must be entered into all handbooks as a written policy with repercussions for violating this policy.

-I believe our teachers must be supported by the district and their administrators financially and morally by supporting their teaching methods and disciplinary actions as needed as well as properly stocking and supplying the necessary classroom materials that are currently being paid for by teachers and the donations from parents.

-I believe our children with special needs are the most vulnerable and not properly cared for in the school system. We need para’s that are educated and experienced in the specific needs of these children. We need equipment in the classrooms, bathrooms, and on the playground to make these areas all inclusive for our children with special needs to participate with all children.

-I believe in saving our public schools but also believe parents know what is best for their child and if they feel the public school system is failing them, they have a right to remove their child and pursue other forms of education by use of the ESA (empowerment scholarship account).

-I believe in building a culture whereas the teachers can openly discuss their concerns, common issues, and offer opinions to make a better environment without the fear of losing their contract renewal.

If you believe in and trust my stances in these matters, I would greatly appreciate your vote. I am asking you to only vote for Jeff Stoner and David Ibarra so we can work together in improving our school experience for everyone.