

## WCSB Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to share information about yourself, so we can share with the community. Your participation is a great signal that you believe in transparency and will serve with a willing and open mindset - we will post your answers 100% as you wrote them with no editing or associated commentary.

Please submit no later than END OF DAY 3/4/2022

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Name \*

Del Wright

District

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How long have you lived in Williamson County? \*

Since June 2011

Employer / Occupation \*

President & CEO of Wright Way Leadership

Please select all that apply: \*

- My kid(s) currently attend a WCS school (2021-22)
- My kid(s) currently attend a FSSD school (2021-22)
- My kid(s) graduated from WCS
- My kids are not yet school age but will attend WCS or FSSD
- My kid(s) attends private school
- My kid(s) is homeschooled
- I have grandchildren enrolled in WCS (2021-22)

Which FSSD/WCS schools do your children attend? (Write N/A if not applicable) \*

Centennial High School

What is or has been your involvement with Williamson County Schools to date? (e.g. PTO, volunteering, etc.) \*

- \* Volunteer Williamson County Middle School Basketball Coach for two years
- \* Official Williamson County High School Basketball Coach for two years
- \* Staff Member and Volunteer with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) for the past 11 years

Please list any professional or personal organizations you're currently or have recently (last 3 years) been involved with, including where you have a Board of Directors seat, sit on a committee, volunteer for, or regularly attend meetings \*

- \* Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
- \* Coached and volunteered with Centennial HS Girls Basketball Team
- \* Community Group Leader at New Hope Community Church in Brentwood

What compelled you to run for this position? \*

I had several people approach me about serving on the School Board. They encouraged me to prayerfully consider running, which I did.

I decided to get off the sidelines and stop complaining about the problems in our public schools and get in the game and be part of the solution. You can watch the short three-minute video that outlines my platform for running on my campaign website at [www.DelWright.com](http://www.DelWright.com).

What do you believe is the most important quality or characteristic for a Williamson County School Board member to possess and exhibit? \*

Leadership and experience. I strongly believe that leadership is influence, nothing more and nothing less. A strong leader is someone who can stand by their convictions and, if necessary, stand alone. Strong leadership also includes the ability for a leader to influence others to stand with them.

Reflective experience is critical, too. It's invaluable to have a School Board Member who not only has and/or had children in the public school system, but who has served alongside the key players in the public school system (i.e. Teachers/Coaches/Administrators/Support Staff).

What are your thoughts on the School Board races being partisan this year due to the new state legislature that passed in late 2020?

While I can understand some of the reasoning behind the partisan designation – different principles that each political party upholds – I think political agendas do not belong in our schools. I am confident that I can bring a non-political representation of my district's parents and voters to the School Board.

What, if any, involvement have you had in local or state politics before running for School Board? \*

I have been a faithful voter in national and state elections all my adult life.

Have you ever spoken at public comment during a School Board meeting? If yes, please provide details on the topic.

No. As a parent, I have communicated with our school superintendent, Jason Golden, and School Board Members in the past.

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If you had to describe a School Board member's role in 1-2 sentences, what would it be? \*

I cannot answer this question in 1-2 sentences. First, we need to understand the duties of a School Board Member:

- They are to set and change policies to govern the work of the staff that run the schools in Williamson County.
- They are to assure those policies are carried out by the Director (Superintendent) of Schools. It is the School Board's job to hold him accountable to do that.

A good and an effective School Board Representative helps empower parents and guardians to speak more effectively into the educational process. They also work alongside educators/curriculum coordinators to diligently review curriculum to ensure children are provided age-appropriate, emotionally healthy, and academically challenging educational materials. Finally, equipping and empowering our dedicated teachers and faculty along with ensuring they have all they need to be successful in teaching our children while diligently reviewing budgets so education needs and teacher are properly funded.

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How will you communicate with your constituents if elected? Please share links to your Facebook page, Twitter handle, and/or campaign website: \*

Through e-mail, phone, website, social media and possibly newsletters. My School Board website is at [www.DelWright.com](http://www.DelWright.com). My business website is [www.WrightWayLeadership.com](http://www.WrightWayLeadership.com). I also have a business Facebook Page at "Wright Way Leadership."

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What are top 3 most pressing issues facing the School Board at this moment? \*

- Advocating for parental input and helping re-establish our parents' active involvement and interaction with our schools and teachers. Our teacher have said this has been missing the past two years during the Covid Pandemic. They (the teachers) have not felt the parents' support and interaction with the schools. We must re-establish this if we are to provide a well-rounded, socially healthy and academically challenging education for our children.
- Diligently reviewing curriculum
- Equipping, empowering and ensuring that our talented teachers and faculty have the resources they need to be successful in teaching our children. This includes proper funding and competitive pay.

If an incumbent, what are you most proud of during your service as a School Board member?

N/A

Do you believe WCS teachers are paid enough?

- Yes
- No

Do you believe WCS schools are adequately funded for their operational and capital needs?

- Yes
- No

What do voters need to know about you that we haven't already asked when deciding who to support and vote for as their representative? \*

- I served on staff with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) for 27 years. Serving alongside some of the most talented and committed teachers, coaches and administrators in our county and country.
  - I served as a Volunteer Williamson County Middle School Basketball Coach for two years.
  - I served as an Official Williamson County High School Basketball Coach for two years.
  - I have had four daughters attend Williamson County Public Schools. Two have graduated from Williamson County Public High Schools and are now attending college. Two are still attending a Williamson County Public High School.
  - My website [www.DelWright.com](http://www.DelWright.com) and [www.WrightWayLeadership.com](http://www.WrightWayLeadership.com) and "Wright Way Leadership" Facebook Page are great places to get to know me better.
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