

**NORTH CLACKAMAS COUNTY CHAMBER
QUESTIONNAIRE – School Board, NCSD**

The North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce is made up of more than 700 businesses, representing more than 26,500 employees, located in the Clackamas County and Metro area. We ask that you complete this questionnaire which will then be uploaded to our website.

These questions could also be the basis of the topics at the Candidates' Issues Breakfast at which you have been invited to speak on April 7. Questions at the April 7 event may include any of the following.

Responses to this questionnaire will be posted on the Chamber's website, www.yourchamber.com.

Please return this by email to ceo@yourchamber.com before April 10, 2009. **Please limit your response to each question to no more than 100 words.**

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- 1.) What do you see as the major opportunities for education in NCSD today? Maintaining a balance of fairness and equality for all students throughout the district. In addition, a greater effort on cleaning up and stopping these activities in NCSD: gangs, drugs, weapons, thefts, violence and harassment. Opening the facilities so they can be used for after school activities. Including the libraries, computer labs, and career center.

- 2.) How would NCSD accomplish that? By providing the same education and more resources for every student in the district. The district actively needs to provide more training in the areas of gang activity, drug identification and conflict resolution. Campus Security with better training would be able to help keep a safer campus for all students and staff, which is their #1 responsibilities. Local law enforcement agencies have and are willing to aid school districts with training, often free of charge. Volunteers from the community, clubs, PTA, etc. would help accomplish the facilities to stay open later. There are many business's, parents, and students that care and will take part in helping make their schools in the community a better place to learn.

- 3.) What is your past involvement with education? Please tell us also any significant accomplishments in education you have helped forge. Worked as an ELL Assistant and Campus Security at Milwaukie High School and Campus Security at Rex Putnam High School in NCSD, served on District Committees and has started and coordinated these clubs: Milwaukie High School: Latino Club, Volunteer Coordinator. Rex Putnam High School: Diversity Club, Advisor Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team, and Clothes Closet Coordinator.

- 4.) What do you see as the relationship of business to education? Can you give an example of a way in which you have supported a business position or partnership in the past? As a Campus Security, I would maintain healthy relationships with the businesses and neighbors around the school campus. By staying in communication, I would receive telephone calls reporting students at their place of business or loitering in the neighborhoods. I would then get a mini bus and roundup the students. By doing this, the students returned to school as such businesses as well as the community assist in assuring the student's education. This will also help control unhealthy activities. Also, partnerships between businesses and respective schools provide an opportunity for a positive, productive community relationship.
- 5.) List briefly the three top reasons voters should elect you to this position.
1. I will be your voice. My extensive diverse experience within the community will be heard.
 2. A quality education for everyone. Keeping a focus and meeting the needs of our growing ELL students.
 3. A more transparent school district, by emphasizing a greater effort for public involvement.
- 6.) List briefly your biographical information limited to age, former/current elected positions, years in State/region/County/district, community involvement.

Age: 51

Elected Positions:

Years in State/region/County/district: 51 / 51 / 23 / 20

Community Involvement:

***Anne Ross House Community Service Club (Rex Putnam High School)**

***Director of the Annual Anne Ross House Easter Egg Hunt**

***Homeless Count 2009 Clack Co.**

***Mentored Oregon Youth Challenge Program**

***Mentored Gang members and their families**

***Clackamas County Drug Court**