

# OSSTF DISTRICT 10

## ***Lambton Kent District School Board Trustee Candidate Questionnaire***

- Q1: If elected as school trustee, identify your top three (3) priorities and explain their importance.
- A1: Familiarize myself with the board policies and procedures to better understand the internal procedures.  
Familiarize myself with Ministry of Education guidelines and legislation.  
Understand the history of past board decisions to enable the new board to learn and grow in the future for future decisions.
- Q2: What would you do if you believed the provincial government's policies and actions were negatively affecting education in your community?
- A2: Review the provincial government policies and legislation with the entire board to make clear decisions and advocate for the LKDSB to update and change policies if needed.
- Q3: What relationship do you want with the employees/their unions?
- A3: To understand conflicts within the school board with employees and unions. In future to work together to achieve a harmonious relationship
- Q4: What kinds of support staff and programs do you feel are essential to meet the needs of children with special needs? What steps would you take to ensure these supports are provided?
- A4: Firstly, I need to gain the knowledge of programs offered currently in the LKDSB system and the community. I have a good knowledge of Developmental Services Ontario, MCSS and legislation around Ontarians with Disabilities Act.  
Secondly every child is an individual so the entire LKDSB community will need to work together to ensure each child is learning and succeeding, with in the available programs.  
Every employee, parent and board member will work within policies, legislation and budgetary guidelines to achieve success for each individual student.

Q5: What strategies would you use to recruit new teachers for local employment opportunities?

A5: I will need to make myself familiar with employment strategies currently in place, bargained contract information for all employees, legislation and licensing policies for all employees, and employment needs within the LKDSB.

Once the history and knowledge is gained the entire board of trustees can move forward with recruitment.

**JANET BARNES**