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strategic vision, priorities, policy guidance, and consistent oversight.

With the above philosophy and ac-

tions, our educators will have the space to innovate. We must give our professional educators the tools and training to identify the needs of the students,

both academically and socially/emotionally. I will support our district and individual schools in evaluating new teaching methodologies – we should not be one size fits all. Each school (i.e. leadership and teaching staff) knows what their students need as each school is slightly different. Each school should have the same level of expectations for growth and achievement, but be given control on how to meet those standards. Part of innovation includes enabling age-appropriate technology in our schools for our students as they progress through each grade. We must resource our classrooms, train our staff, and leverage collaborative and interactive technology platforms. This will prepare our students for the real world and improve content delivery and the student educational experience.

**Sherri Hawkins**

I will make sure staff and teachers feel supported by visiting with them, doing walk-throughs at each school, and considering their needs as I vote and help make policies. Throughout the last four years, I have made regular visits to schools during the school day, as well as attended special events. I have vol-

unteered in my kids' own school, PLES, to help support the school, as well as in individual classrooms. As a former teacher, I understand the many challenges facing our teachers and staff today. To help encourage innovation, I will be available to any and all teachers, I will help support the launch of new classes and curriculum, I will listen to their ideas, and I will support the superintendent as she models and pushes for a growth mindset. I will continue to support the teachers' need for Professional Learning days during the school year and professional growth opportunities.

**Christopher Taylor**

No response was received from this candidate.

**Tiffiney Upchurch**

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