

Community support

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Board Members

I am getting a lot of texts and calls from supporters and you know the responses I have been leading with. Right now there is only one voice out there and we need to get the conversation back on center, on the District's mission. I will be on WTCM tomorrow morning around 7:30, Vic McCarty.... these are the talking points I will focus on.

Over the last few years, the district has:

- Committed to installing the Blueprint, the district's roadmap to build strong systems to support high quality teaching and learning.

- Developed aligned curriculum and invested in much needed updates to curriculum materials based upon student needs

- Balanced the budget and achieved fund balance target (currently 8.7%), restructured our budgeting process to be driven by classroom/student needs rather than just lump disbursements based on past factors.

- Our collective direction has allowed us to make major achievements, like making the list of best high schools, offering pathways to college for non-traditional students, and having one of the most robust and impressive music and performing arts programs around.

- We are proud of the many accomplishments of our students, our schools, and our district. We want to maintain this momentum and positive direction.

- We take our role as Board members very seriously and always seek to conduct ourselves with our mission and direction at the forefront of our minds, with honesty and integrity, and within the bounds of the law.

- At Times, Boards face difficult moments, have

to make difficult decisions, or have to manage through political antics and agendas.

- With a mission as important as ours, maintaining our true north is what we will continue to do, members of the BOE are fully committed and vested in their mission as they are elected officials representing the Traverse City community

We need supporters out in the community talking

about what this truly is: a political maneuver by EMM. Ann is likely of little to no ultimate importance to EMM, instead, the possibility of unseating me, Pam, Jane or Jeff, plus the seat vacated by Doris (P. Henkel has already applied) would give her (and her sponsors) the majority they have been seeking since November. The bottom line is that EMM broke the law, told the story that suited her to get the community riled up (knowing we can't respond without violating the law), and is going for the Board majority her team lost.

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