



## School Board Candidate Information Sheet

Candidate Name: Jeff Larson

Board Position Sought: Trustee, District 4

**1. Please share some background about you and your interest in serving on the Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees.**

I'm a STEM professional, political activist, and parent of a CCISD graduate who spent all 13 years in CCISD schools. I wish to give citizens, parents, and taxpayers more responsible and accountable representation on the school board. I've lived in the area for 35 years, working first for NASA in Mission Control and then for myself as a consultant.

**2. List your participation in CCISD schools and/or district parent clubs, community and civic involvement, etc.**

I've been the GOP precinct chairman and election judge in Heritage Park for over 30 years. In the greater Houston area, I've also volunteered on historical preservation projects and served as a board member of a nonprofit corporation based in the area.

**3. Considering your skills and talents, what positive contribution would you make as a member of the Board of Trustees?**

I've managed projects that have come in on time and under budget, and would be able to provide similar oversight to CCISD, helping to maintain our excellent academic record while holding the line on spending. I've also worked with the legislature in Austin, and would be able to represent school interests there. I've also served as Parliamentarian for several organizations, and would help keep school board meeting on track!

**4. In your opinion, what role do trustees play in affecting student success?**

Trustees have two roles that directly touch students. The first is setting district policy. That paints with a very broad brush, but can have a powerful effect on creating the right environment for students to prosper. Wrapped up in policy is the power of the purse; the trustees can modify or create programs that provide opportunities for students. The second role is to ensure that the school superintendent carries out those policies. The trustees also select the superintendent, but since we just hired a good one recently, that's something we shouldn't have to revisit any time soon.

**5. What critical challenges face the district, and what are possible solutions to address those issues?**

In the short term, it looks like remote learning will be with us in a big way for at least a little longer, and there is still work to be done improving that experience as we emerge from the pandemic. We may also have to deal with lower funding per student as the legislature struggles with financial issues and our enrollment continues to grow or at least flatten out. That may call for hard choices as priorities will have to be set in such a way as to not affect the quality of education.

**6. Please provide campaign website and/or contact information.**

I don't have a website yet but should have one soon. The rest of my contact information is:

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