



School Board Candidate Information Sheet

Candidate Name: Kevin Oditt

Board Position Sought: CCISD Board of Trustee At Large

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

After having the privilege to serve our country in the U.S. Coast Guard for 28 years, we chose to retire here in Clear Lake so our daughter could finish high school in CCISD. It was an honor to finish my career here in Houston as the Commanding Officer for all Coast Guard units in South East Texas where I was responsible for all operations, logistics, budget, marketing, and governmental affairs for the largest operational unit in the Coast Guard.

I bring a fresh, unique perspective and proven track record meeting challenges and tackling tough problems. My experiences have been shaped by my wife who taught K-12 for 17 years in 8 schools and 4 states and our son who had special need. As a family, we understand the importance of an effective special education program.

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

As mentioned above, we have had the experience of participating in 8 schools in 4 states including: Steering Committees, teacher to teacher education, Chalk for Peace, Career Days, Art Therapy for Teachers, Best Buddies social program for connecting students with intellectually and developmentally disabled students, National Honor Art Society, and Empty Bowls Project to raise money to feed the world's hungry people.

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

Trustees are responsible with ensuring accountability and transparency in budget and policy decisions. My experience overseeing large organizations and managing competing demands will drive positive outcomes that address CCISD strategic goals and objectives. While I am very experienced at leading, developing and bringing people together, we must recognize that transparency does not mean 7-0 votes on every issue. We need open debate and understanding on the tough issues and decisions the Board will be asked to make.

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

One of the most important roles that Trustees have is to ensure teachers get the right resources in the classroom to provide quality hands on education. We must make sure CCISD attracts the best and most talented teachers and administrators.

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

The most immediate priority must be to get kids in the classroom. Remote learning, while necessary for some kids due family health reasons, has proven to be a much less effective than in-person education. Regardless, schools need the ability to provide effective remote learning for those kids who cannot return to the classroom. CCISD should build off the lessons it has learned over the past year to ensure it can meet these needs.

A constant challenge is ensuring that teachers have the resources and facilities to be successful while balancing the budget. We cannot assume unlimited budget and revenue growth and must not take on additional debt if at all possible. That means the Board should always scrutinize the budget to ensure CCISD is always a good steward of the taxpayer dollars and the Board must hold them accountable.

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

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