



## School Board Candidate Information Sheet

Candidate Name: Jay Cunningham

Board Position Sought: Board Trustee District 5

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

I have always valued education being raised by two teachers. I also watched my parents involvement in our community (Alief/Mission Bend) when I was growing up; my dad as a coach, helping run pools in the summertime and being involved with PTA and our schools as I was growing up. My mom was involved at the school level, whether it was attending workshops or tutoring her students. It felt natural that when my children began their educational journey for me to become involved. (see below)
2. List your participation in CCISD schools and/or district parent clubs, community and civic involvement, etc.

I have been involved in the PTA at both Hall Elementary and Creekside Intermediate as long as my two boys went through both schools. At Hall Elementary I served in various leadership roles including President for two years. I have also participated in the district's 2013 & 2017 bond committee as well as the 2013 Strategic Planning committee which gave me great insight into how the district operates, approach to educating our children and a chance to work with administration. On a personal level I have also been on the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo committee for the past 6 years, and I am chair of a couple of organizations related to the company that I work for. These have given me a service before self mindset.
3. Considering your skills and talents, what positive contribution would you make as a member of the Board of Trustees?

As the incumbent Board Member of District 5, I will continue to work collaboratively with my fellow board members. I will continue to advocate, interact and help be the liaison between my District 5 constituents as well as our administration. Those who know me will tell you that I attend various events around the district as I consider all CCISD students an extension of my family.
4. In your opinion, what role do trustees play in affecting student success?

As a trustee we work on the policies that the district abides by as well help provide the resources to support all the students within the district. The more your school board trustees understand and have been involved at the school level, the more effective they are able to govern and this drives student achievement. The board will know the right questions to ask and work with the superintendent in setting the direction of the district. If the board is not working together then this will drive down student achievement.

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

As parts of our district continue to grow, we will experience facility constraints which will necessitate building more schools. We also have to advocate for funding that is marked for public schools to remain in public schools. And lastly we have to get the state to catches up to and recognizes all course offerings in certifications and credit in our CTE courses.

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

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