

RADNOR DEMOCRATS



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Lydia Solomon and Rob Armstrong*

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Dear Fellow Radnor Democrats:

Democracy works best if multiple viewpoints are represented and when government has checks and balances. There are only two Democrats currently on our nine member School Board. This is not representative of the current voter registration in the Township, which is roughly 50/50. Therefore, you as a Democrat are not well represented on the current School Board.

Brucie Rapoport, Rob Armstrong, Doug Blazey, and Lydia Solomon will represent you. Our slate, "Leaders for Radnor Excellence," is committed to the goals of excellence in student education and achievement, while being responsive to the community's need for prudent management of their tax dollars. Leadership now requires a reassessment of District practices to ensure that we are attracting and retaining the finest teachers, making the best use of new technologies, and promoting a well-rounded curriculum that delivers a superior education. We will seek the voice of the community in all aspects of our deliberations. The current School Board fails to endorse that basic Democratic philosophy – a philosophy that is essential to open and transparent government.

We are the only Democrats running for School Board, and the only candidates endorsed by the Radnor Democratic Party. We need your support. Please consider making a donation to our campaign. Checks can be made payable to "Leaders for Radnor Excellence" and mailed to Jim Higgins. Any amount will be greatly appreciated. Also please let us know if you would like to help with our campaign as volunteers are needed on many levels.

This is a pivotal moment for the Democratic Party on a local level. We can win a majority on the School Board with your help. The slate of endorsed Democrats running for School Board will work hard to try to seize this moment, but we need your help. Your viewpoint can be heard only if you vote. Please vote in the primary election on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 for the endorsed Democrats to ensure a fair election in November. Speak with your vote.

Thank you very much and we look forward to seeing you at the polls!

Sincerely,

Leaders for Radnor Excellence

Brucie Rapoport, Incumbent
Rob Armstrong
Doug Blazey
Lydia Solomon

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YES, I wish to support the Radnor Democrats for School Board!

- Enclosed you will find my contribution in the amount of: \$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 \$ _____
- I'd be interested in volunteering and/or supporting the candidates by displaying a yard sign.

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Brucie Rapoport

I am honored to have the opportunity to run again for Radnor Township School Board. As the only incumbent on the board seeking reelection, I have first-hand experience and the insight to guide our District through a troubling economy. As the Commonwealth's mandates increase, and our money decreases, I will continue to find creative and resourceful solutions. Educational excellence is dependent upon elected leaders who are dedicated to the children and taxpayers whom they represent.

For the past 21 years I have been a volunteer in Radnor Township schools. Currently, I assist students new to our country with their English at the Middle School. As a tutor for the Delaware County Literacy Council, I lead an Adult ESL Conversation Group at the Radnor Memorial Library twice a week.

I have been on the board of the Radnor ABC House, the manager of a Radnor Soccer Club team, and a three-term president of the West Wayne Civic Association. All four of my children have been educated in the Radnor Schools. Two are out of college and two attend Radnor High School. My husband and I have lived in Radnor Township for 26 years.

Rob Armstrong

Rob Armstrong graduated from the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, in 1989. He received an M.A. in Communication Management from the Annenberg School at the University of Southern California. Rob worked as Senior Financial Analyst at Entercom, a radio conglomerate based in the area, where his work included financial analysis, information technology, and operations, for over 100 radio stations, with revenues in excess of \$400 million. Rob has been a stay-at-home parent for the past eight years. He lives in the School District with his wife and two daughters.

Rob Armstrong will be a strong advocate for fiscal discipline. He is dedicated to maintaining the reputation and leadership position of the Radnor School District. Rob believes that the current economic environment poses many challenges to our School District. These challenges will require a steadfast commitment to our goals of excellence in student education and achievement, while being responsive to the Radnor Township community's need for prudent management of their tax dollars. Leadership now requires a reassessment of District practices, to ensure that we are attracting and retaining the finest teachers, making the best use of new technologies, and promoting a well-rounded curriculum that delivers a superior education. A non-partisan dialogue is required to meet our many challenges. All members of the Radnor community have an interest in the success of our schools. Strong schools make strong communities.

Douglas Blazey

Graduated from Wesleyan University and the Yale Law School. Practices Environmental Law. Doug is a former PaDEP Chief Counsel and U.S. EPA Regional Counsel; he was a high school teacher.

Doug and his wife Julianna have 2 children: Elizabeth is a 2007 RHS graduate and Christopher attends RMS.

In these very stressful times, we have no resources to waste. I welcome constructive individual and community initiatives in District activities. I am a good listener and appreciate constructive and even critical comment because an open process builds support for good decisions and improves those in process. We are an able community and the Board must encourage and welcome active public participation if we are to increase quality and productivity. I will strive to enhance the quality of a Radnor education while maintaining an open and accountable relationship with our students and community.

Lydia T. Solomon

The most creative solutions to complex community issues are reached by listening to varied and diverse opinions and formulating plans to move forward. As an involved parent and consensus builder, I believe that leadership for excellence in education involves collaboration and good will on the part of all stakeholders. In light of the Act One budget constraints, it is imperative that we focus on our core curriculum to preserve excellent educational opportunities for all children. The necessary cuts to the budget should be done in a thoughtful and comprehensive manner. It is in every citizen's best interest that the highest quality of education be preserved in the most economical manner. I can make an enormous contribution to this process because I am a professional educator and an extremely involved parent with students at all levels of the School District. While serving as the current President of the Radnor High School PTSA and as the past President of both the Radnor Middle School and Radnor Elementary School PTOs, I gained insight and knowledge about our School District. As a Certified School Psychologist with an MA from Immaculata University, I bring specialized expertise in the field of education. My past work experience as a Program Director for Educational Testing Service (ETS) prepares me very well to perform the tasks of a school director, such as managing projects within a budget and working hard to meet the needs of all participants. With a BS from Cornell University and an MS from University of California in Economics, I have the financial background to be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers. Fiscal responsibility is a top priority of mine and I believe that we can offer the highest caliber of education within the Act One budget constraints. As a community leader, I am committed to demonstrating the highest level of ethical behavior. I am married and have three children in the Radnor School District. I currently have two children at Radnor High School and a child at Radnor Elementary School, which puts me in a unique position to be involved and represent all levels of our School District. I view it as an honor to serve the community. If you believe that more transparency on the School Board and a focus on offering the best education possible within our budget constraints are top priorities, then I ask for your support.