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Excited about candidates

To the Editor:

Please join me in supporting the most qualified and least partisan of the candidates for the Radnor Township School Board: Rob Armstrong, Doug Blazey, Brucie Rapoport and Lydia Solomon.

They are the right candidates, at the right time.

The school board will have at least three new members elected to a four-year term on Nov. 2. The challenges they face will be many: a shrinking tax base from lower property values and fewer transfers, a spike in the school district's indemnity to the state to pay for the retired employees' pension fund, a soon-to-expire teacher's contract, and the possibility of the deployment of more state-mandated proficiency testing, just to name a few.

Doug, Rob, Brucie and Lydia will all bring some very valuable skills and know-how to the board.

Doug is a Yale Law School graduate and former teacher. He has been active for years in the Wayne Rotary. His daughter recently graduated from Radnor High where his son is now a student. Doug is a pensive diplomat, always willing to engage, build consensus, and execute a plan.

Rob has two young daughters in our schools, has been very active in PTO and enjoys a background in finance that would serve the board well.

Lydia also has been very active in PTO. She and her husband are bringing their daughters through the Radnor schools. Lydia ran for School Board four years ago and I have been insisting since then that she run again, not just because she came very close to winning but also because she has such a strong grasp of the mood and concerns of the parents.

Brucie, as the only incumbent seeking re-election, offers important institutional history and continued advocacy for the ESL program.

All together, these candidates if elected will make the school-board meetings more open, productive, engaging and dynamic. Please take a moment to visit their impressive Web site, www.radnorexcellence.com, so you can see why I am so excited for the candidacy.

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