



## Letters to the Editor

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### Radnor candidates seek excellence

We have become candidates for School Board because we are committed to preserving the educational excellence of Radnor's schools. The current economic condition of our country, along with legislative restraints from the state of Pennsylvania on the amount of money we can spend on our schools under Act I, creates a climate that requires school-board directors to make prudent choices between competing demands for limited budgetary resources. We believe these challenges will require steadfast commitment to our goals of excellence in student education and achievement. 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.

Our "Leaders for Radnor Excellence" campaign is intended to create a benefit for all Radnor residents regardless of whether they have a child in public school. We believe that communities are made stronger both in social and economic terms when its public schools deliver quality education. As leaders we believe that tax dollars should be managed for the benefit of all in the community, and that no dollar should be spent that does not create tangible value. Our review of the school budget will include a line-by-line review, a zero-based approach, which ensures that we are spending on those things which meet our collective goals.

Productive discussions on educational issues require a nonpartisan dialogue not only between school-board directors, but also among all stakeholders in our community. We are committed to eliciting the voice of the community in all aspects of our deliberations. We currently do not have an environment on the School Board which fosters such dialogue as we face many tough budgetary choices. It is time for a change in the way we conduct our affairs.

We seek to enhance the educational experience and quality of outcome for all students whether they

are seeking vocational training, immediate business skills or college admission. Being prepared for uncertain times and a challenging economic future that our children will face requires our graduates to be able to take initiative and to be lifelong learners. These skills do not come automatically unless the education they are given is designed to build these critical life skills.

We ask for your support for our “Leaders for Radnor Excellence” campaign. We are a team of candidates dedicated to the same principles and are the only candidates endorsed by the Radnor Democratic Party. Please take the time to vote in the May 19 primary. This is a pivotal moment for our school district. Radnor residents have a chance to choose candidates with fresh ideas and approaches, and who are truly committed to preserving the quality of a Radnor education in a manner which is both collaborative and fiscally responsible.

To learn more about our campaign and what we hope to accomplish for Radnor residents on the School Board please go to [www.radnorexcellence.com](http://www.radnorexcellence.com).

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