



## Plano ISD Board of Trustees Candidate Questionnaire

*Place 6: Greg Myer*

### What are the top three reasons you want to serve as a Plano ISD School Board Trustee?

My two children will graduate from Plano ISD in 2018. I feel they have received a very good education and are prepared to compete with peers from around world in college. I am not running for them. I am running so that the next generation of Plano ISD students get an even better education than my children received.

### What do you feel are the most important responsibilities of a trustee?

The most important part of being a Trustee is to adopt and direct policy that allows teachers to personalize learning for the benefit of every student, with the penultimate goal being the production of graduates who can think critically, problem solve creatively and work collaboratively. Additionally, Trustees need to advocate for Plano ISD's students, teachers and parents in Austin, so that decisions made in the Legislature and beyond are in their best interests.

### What do you see as the top opportunities and challenges in Plano ISD?

Plano ISD's biggest challenge is to produce graduates who can think critically, problem solve creatively and work in groups so that they can compete with peers in college and the work force on a global level. To do this, Trustees must direct policies that allow the Administration to hire and retain the best teachers in the nation, and be strong advocates in Austin on behalf of Plano ISD students. Further, Plano ISD Trustees need to expand programming for students with special needs and Career and Technical Education. While the areas' population is booming, Plano ISD's student enrollment is slowly declining, and this causes a further reduction in state reimbursement. Trustees must set the District budget to ensure that every dollar is truly spent on fostering learning, and should adopt a zero-based budgeting approach for all departments.

### Why are you qualified to hold the position of trustee?

I have an extensive record of community service, in the District and outside of it. I served on the Plano ISD Career and Technical Education Committee for five years, served on and led the Plano Youth Leadership Board of Directors (as President) and served on the Leadership Plano Board of Directors (including a year as Finance Chair).

I was a member and Past Chair of the City of Plano Library Advisory Board. I am also a member of Collin County Parks Foundation Board and the North Texas Pioneer Rotary.

I hold a Master's degree in Healthcare Administration from the University of Missouri, and am the Director of Deployment for a software company in the real estate industry.

### What is the most important thing you want to accomplish if elected?

I believe Plano ISD does a good job of educating and preparing college bound students. There are two other subsets of students that I feel are underserved. I believe EVERY student is gifted, and it is imperative that our schools do their best to locate that gift. Students with special needs need more programming so that they can be as prepared for life after Plano ISD as possible.



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Also, students who do not intend to go to college also need more Career and Technical Education options so that they can graduate on Saturday and go to work on Monday.

Teachers also need to be freed of the dual burden of too much mandated testing and regulation so that they can deliver more personalized learning to each student. Trustees need to be strong advocates for Plano ISD's students, teachers and parents before, during and after the State Legislative Session in Austin.