

CHARLES HENRY, CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRPERSON

1. What do you believe is the role of a School Board member?

To be held accountable to the public it serves. Always put the best interest of the students, parents, teachers and staff first.

2. If elected to the Oklahoma City School Board, what will be your priorities?

To create a safe learning environment and create a student code of conduct policy that supports teachers in managing their classrooms. If we cannot keep students from being disruptive in class none of the ideas to improve OKCPS schools will work. Parents need to be assured their children will be safe in school and teachers need to be able to focus on teaching instead of constant disciplinary issues. We will have a better process with in-school alternatives such as quality detention and in-school suspension programs that work.

To close the performance gap between low performing schools and higher-performing schools. To close the achievement gap between traditional public schools and the successful non-traditional public schools, charter and enterprise schools.

To implement quality remediation courses to help OKCPS students graduate at the 12th-grade level or higher. A majority of the students in many schools are academically 2-3 grade levels behind.

To create an Advisory Board consisting of OKCPS parents, teachers, and community workers that will hold the OKC School Board Members accountable to the OKC citizens they were elected to serve.

To listen and address the issues and concerns from all groups and communities across OKC.

To create partnerships with our state colleges to advance our Science and Math programs.

To renew our commitment to provide special needs students a quality learning environment.

- 3. What can do to improve academic performance and prepare students for work or higher education?**

Create a structured discipline policy and a real remediation strategy.

- 4. Should OKC Public Schools make Pre-K and Kindergarten available for all children that want to attend?**

Yes

- 5. Do you support continuation of existing charter schools within the OKC Public Schools service area?**

Yes

- 6. Do you support development of new charter schools within the OKC Public Schools?**

Maybe

- 7. Do you believe Oklahoma City Public schools should support creation and utilization of Tax Increment Financing to support economic development?**

Yes