

Answered by Taso Triantafillos.

What do you see as the major issues facing D4 and how would you propose addressing them?

Just like many communities we face some common and unique challenges. In my experience as a parent I think our largest challenge is inclusiveness in engaging community members. Other challenges, understanding the social and economical challenges we face in our diverse community. We have failed to build programs that help each other out. Oftentimes our District Board feels they have done enough, but I believe there is always room for improvement, and in our case in District 4 we have much needed improvements to be made.

Do you believe that teachers should have a greater input/voice in district decisions that impact their work and their students?

I think the teachers are qualified to understand what is needed or required to improve the quality in our education. Teachers should have a voice, but our students and parents are the ones that will live with the results. It is important we weigh both parent and teacher feedback as we make decisions on education. When it comes to potential impact to tax payers, they should also have a say in the matter.

How does diversity, equity, and inclusion play a role in your vision for the community?

I think this has been a huge focus and discussion point in the last several community engagement forums. As I have met with hundreds of parents I can tell you that there is significant dissatisfaction with the progress, communication, transparency, among other concerns.

Parents and Community members have told me that the board should be diverse in representing current active parents of students with a vested interest. Today, the current board does not represent Addison or our interests.