**AEA School Board Candidate Questionnaire**

**Name:** Alfred (Al) Womack Jr.

**Home address:** 212 W. Elm St. Alton IL 62002

**Phone number:** 6185315523

**Email:** awomack50@gmail.com

**Campaign Committee:** Friends for Al Womack

**Campaign Committee Address:** 212 W. Elm St. Alton IL 62002

**Campaign Committee Phone Number:** 618-531-5523

**School Board Experience:** NA

**Years on School Board:** NA

**Elected offices held:** NA

**Other School Board Experience:** awomack50@gmail.com

**Names of Organization that you are a member:** OSF St. Anthony's Hospital- Community Advisory Board, Alton Housing Authority- Commissioner, Illinois Alliance of Boys & Girls Club- Board Member

**Occupation:** Boys & Girls Club of Alton- Executive Director

**Education Information**

**Elementary School**

**High School** Alton High School

**College/University or other education:** Central State University (OH)

**Questions**

**How do you feel about the public education system as it pertains to you and your family's educational needs?** My family attended the public education system in Alton, and will continue to do so.

**In general, how do you feel about public education?** I personally feel that public education has more to offer as well will provide students with a stronger foundation to navigate the real world.

**What, in your opinion, are the strengths of our school district?** A few strengths that immediately come to mind; unlimited opportunities and resources that are available for our students, diverse courses, challenging curriculum, extra curriculum activities, college prep and dual credit offering, etc.

**What, in your opinion, are the weaknesses of our school district?** A few areas that our district could improve on; competitive teacher and staff salaries- teacher retention, overall transparency, reviewing and enforcing policies & procedures, community trust, family engagement & support

**Do you have ideas/changes that you would like to see instituted in our school district. Please explain.** Improve/ strengthen relationship with AEA, address/ improve safety plan, develop a comprehensive plan to address the achievement gap, address the lingering disparities in discipline, adopt Trauma Informed practices, offering mental health resources for employees and students, improve/increase community engagement.