**AEA School Board Candidate Questionnaire**

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**School Board Experience:** N/A

**Years on School Board:** N/A

**Elected offices held:** N/A

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

**Names of Organization that you are a member:**

**Occupation:** Director of Information Technology at the City of Alton | Part Time Police Officer in East Alton and Hartford

**Education Information**

**Elementary School** East Middle School

**High School** Alton High School

**College/University or other education:** Lewis and Clark Community College

**Questions**

**How do you feel about the public education system as it pertains to you and your family's educational needs?** I feel that the public education system is failing our children and teachers. When I say the public education system, I am referring to the school board. The Public Education system needs to provide the teachers with the tools they need to teach the curriculum. My children are getting a good education however, we do not allow our kids on social media. We also sit down with them when they do their homework and make sure they understand the material. Our children are the foundation of this worlds future and we must do everything in our power to make sure they succeed.

**In general, how do you feel about public education?** I feel that the public education system is not doing as good as a job as they can. The school board needs to help educated the parents on how social media is harmful and toxic to their children. The testing scores for the district are not what should be. I also don't blame the teachers for the testing scores but the school board for not stepping in and find out what is causing the low scores. Students in today's society are more worried about what going on Facebook then what is going on in the textbooks.

I 100% support public education but the school board needs to step up.

**What, in your opinion, are the strengths of our school district?** The strengths of our school district is 100% our teachers. They are the backbone of our district and without them there would not be an Alton School District. We must fully support the teachers and attempt to give them the tools they need to provide the curriculum to our students.

**What, in your opinion, are the weaknesses of our school district?** The weakness in our school district is our Report Card from the ISBE. Our Students The teachers have stressful job in dealing with today children.

**Do you have ideas/changes that you would like to see instituted in our school district. Please explain.** We need to educate the parents on how social media is harmful and toxic to our children. Children themselves need to be educated on why social media is harmful. Children in Elementary and middle school do no not need a TikTok, Snap Chat or Facebook account Instead they need to be studying and learning life skills in order to succeed in life.

The Information technology department also needs the funding and staff to support the cyber security and Information Technology needs as a district. We also must evaluate expenses in order to support the needs of the teachers and staff.