**AEA School Board Candidate Questionnaire**

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**Campaign Committee:** None

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**School Board Experience:** 24 - Elected in 1999 - have served since then

**Years on School Board:** 24 - Elected in 1999 - have served since then

**Elected offices held:** None

**Other School Board Experience:** vlm1026@aol.com

**Names of Organization that you are a member:** Alton Godfrey Rotary Club; PEO - educational support for women; WWW 618; Women who support local 501C3 groups

**Occupation:** Real estate broker for Coldwell Banker Brown - formerly Paul Lauschke and Associates

**Education Information**

**Elementary School** Porter Elementary - Prairie Village KS

**High School** Shawnee Mission East HS - Shawnee Mission KS

**College/University or other education:** Bachelor of Science - Nursing - University of KS - 1975

**Questions**

**How do you feel about the public education system as it pertains to you and your family's educational needs?** We are graduates of public education. Obviously I was not raised in the Alton area. My daughter is an Alton High grad - 1997. Pharmacy degree from the University of Kansas. She is the pharmacy manager of the Walgreens at State and Delmar in North Alton. Her husband is a '96 grad of AHS, graduated from K-State. He is a construction manager for In Store, Chesterfield MO. My son is an AHS graduate - 2000. Engineering degree from the Univ of IL, works for Schlumberger Oil in Houston TX. Now I have grandchildren in the Alton District!

**In general, how do you feel about public education?** The uniting factor of ALL discussions - liberal, conservative, Democrat, Republican is the value of education. If you have an education, you have a chance. Without an education, you are a problem for all! Community service and the Alton School District are my PASSION.

**What, in your opinion, are the strengths of our school district?** The biggest strength of our district is the staff. We have a wealth of opportunity for our students (my children took advantage of such) and the teachers are the cornerstone. We are always looking to improve our curriculum, enhance our facilities, improve teacher salaries, while holding the tax level in check for our community.

**What, in your opinion, are the weaknesses of our school district?** Covid was a crisis for our nation. Families and education struggled with remote learning. We need to continue to support our students - some still appear disengaged; support our staff through enhanced collaboration; continue to enhance the curriculum to capture the losses due to remote learning

**Do you have ideas/changes that you would like to see instituted in our school district. Please explain.** I am concerned about salary issues and staffing. We need to increase our pay to keep our staff within our district.