



2017 LUCAS COUNTY VOTERS' GUIDE

Swanton Local School District Board of Education Member

Term of Office: 4 years

To be elected: 3

- Q1. In the position you seek, what do you consider are the most important issues to be addressed, and what would you do about them?*
- Q2. What do you bring to the position that another candidate cannot?*

Autumn D. Adams

Education: J.D.

Current occupation: attorney

Qualifications: I have been a student of and now a parent with children in the Swanton Local Schools. I have worked in Special Education law so I am familiar with the policies and procedures a School Board member must consider when making decisions.

Questions:

1) I believe the most important issue to be addressed by the Swanton Local School Board is the graduation rate, and a part of that graduation rate is the preparedness of the students for what comes after their senior year in high school.

College tuition rates are so high that college is becoming an unattainable goal for many students. Also, students are increasingly desiring not to go to college, either right after high school or at all. So, the schools must focus on not just preparing students for college but preparing them for life. I want to create an apprenticeship program for Swanton students to include the building trades, culinary, banking, automotive/diesel repair and many more career paths. There are many companies right in Swanton, and its surrounding area, that we can partner with to develop an apprenticeship program so that students graduate with their high school diploma and a skill that can earn them a living wage.

Regardless of whether a student plans to go to college or go to work after graduation, we also need to focus on academically preparing the students. I believe these academics start from the first day a kindergartner walks into school and continues until the day that student is handed his or her diploma. I want to ensure that the educational curriculum at Swanton is rigorous and innovative. I want to support teachers as they mold our student's minds. For instance, my favorite class in college was Jurassic Physics. We took physics concepts and applied them to the Jurassic era to measure how fast a T-Rex ran or how far underwater could a herbivore be without suffocating. I believe this is the type of class that needs to be taught in our elementary, middle and high school. Teachers could develop a Super Heros physics class to apply physics concepts to the comic book Super Heros. Topics can include how fast does Wonder Woman have to move her arms to block a bullet, how fast does Captain America have to hit the Hulk to actually knock the Hulk down and to what depth can Aqua Man safely swim.

2) First, I graduated from Swanton Local Schools in 1999. I know the school system and am familiar with the curriculum and how that curriculum benefited and hindered me after graduation. Second, I have lived all over the world and I have seen many different education systems. I have been exposed to public education, private education and independent schools and I believe Swanton can blend the successful parts of those three school forms and make Swanton a more competitive school district. I want families researching where to live in Northwest Ohio to pick Swanton because of our great school system.

Steve A. Brehmer

No Response Received

Kristina Oberheim

No Response Received