

The following is my press release:

In addition to this I'd like to add that I have always enjoyed a wonderful relationship with CUPE. I highly respect all these positions that you fill. Without your dedication to the children in whatever capacity you work, this district would shut down. You are the grease in the wheels of everything that goes on in SD 33. I have also advocated for you all to be treated fairly and equitably going so far as to attend one of your bargaining sessions a number of years ago.

Thank you sincerely for all you do for this school district.

In terms of why I'm running, I am deeply dedicated to the children of this school district. I am so concerned that we must do more to increase their skill levels. My focus is now and has always been on foundational skills because without those the rest of their schooling will be a difficult uphill climb.

I'm not inclined to delve into social justice issues because I believe that is not within our mandate. The very best thing we can do for all is to provide a good education so they are equipped in moving forward in whatever realm they choose.

If you would like to ask me any questions of any kind on any topic, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Heather. 604-798-2026

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Heather Maahs, is asking the community of Chilliwack for the opportunity to serve them on the Chilliwack Board of Education for another term.

Heather has served on the Board for fourteen years with a mandate of giving students the reading skills they need to ensure success in whatever future endeavours they choose.

"There has been a lot of interruptions in learning these critical and fundamental skills over the last two years due to Covid and lock downs. Children have paid a high price as is evidenced in reading and math scores. The board must ensure that finances are directed towards students skill attainment and the boots on the ground, teachers and their classrooms."

Heather has been a relentless advocate of reading skills and the science behind what is known to work for all students to succeed for her entire time on the board. She's not afraid of asking the tough questions of administrative staff and looking for accountability.

Heather is an advocate for parental rights.

"Parents are the first and foremost educators of their children. They must be included in all aspects of their children's education. There should never be topics, subject matter or books that are not fully transparent. Nothing should take place in schools without their full knowledge and consent."

"Parents can never again be prevented from being in their children's schools," as was the case during covid. Heather is looking forward to the next four years of improving all aspects of education with a Board that is likeminded in its goals for students that focus on academic skills making them fulfilled, critically thinking, contributing members of society.

"I value each and every student and aspire for every one of them to succeed to their fullest potential. Every child does indeed matter."

"If these are the attributes that matter to the citizens of Chilliwack, I would ask for your support on October 15, 2022. Let's make the board a unified voice for successful students."