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Family Information: Married to Jordan Smith; two children (HES and All Aboard Child Care)

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Community Involvement: New York State Bar Association, Various local bar associations, Citizens Budget Advisory Committee member

Why are you running?

I have previously served as counsel to the Yonkers Board of Education and feel my knowledge and experience would serve the Board and our community well. I want to establish an open and transparent relationship between the Board, the administration/staff, and the community. I believe that there are fiscally responsible ways for the District to continue to serve the needs of our children and want to be a part of this process in my community.

Strengths of the District

The number one strength of this District is the student body. Our students should inspire us all, from our Kindergarten students to our high school seniors. They have all had so many accomplishments this year! Also, there have been so many positive additions to the curriculum/programs offered, such as STEAM and IB.

Top Three Challenges Facing the District and Ways to Face these Challenges:

Searching for a Superintendent—Dr. Susan Guiney will be missed. I know that there has been a search firm retained by the District to assist in this process- I think the Board needs to vet/evaluate each candidate thoroughly and explore all of their options to try and find the best person, as whoever is selected will have a very large set of shoes to fill.

Community Change- Our community is currently growing and changing. This change can be positive. But it can also can be a challenge in that the District will need to grow and change with our community, while maintaining the values and services that have always been important to our community. Also, the District will need the space and resources to expand with our community's population, and will need to evaluate the most fiscally responsible ways to accommodate for growth and change.

Balancing Budget Concerns with the Continuing Need to Improve Educational Programs and Infrastructure- Effective communication between all the stakeholders is necessary. As was done on the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, needs should be triaged and prioritized with input from stakeholders, so that monies from the budget can be allocated accordingly.

