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## What is your position on the proposed JCPS property tax increase?

Spending two decades working and volunteering in our schools, I have experienced first hand leaking roofs, mold, poor ventilation, and inadequate HVAC systems. I understand that allowing children to attend a school close to home is not always possible feasible because the construction of new schools has not kept pace with residential development and population growth for the last forty years. I also understand the concerns of many citizens about the timing of the proposed increase. This is why I will commit to the following: tough oversight to ensure fiduciary responsibility; investing strategically in our infrastructure in areas of greatest need; working with our local representatives in Frankfort to address the decrease in funding that the District has experienced since the early 2000s, including the flawed SEEK formula that increasingly forces "property rich" districts like JCPS to look to their local tax base for support.

## What steps do you believe the District should take to eliminate the achievement gap?

The achievement gap that exists is caused primarily by student experiences occurring outside of school. Poverty, trauma, healthcare, and more are known to influence student achievement. I believe that schools are a party to the solution but that it takes a community investment to address those needs. Things that are within the purview of the school district are:

- smaller class sizes
- provide experienced, highly trained staff members
- engage and listen to the parents and communities of impacted students
- mentoring and personalized education
- culturally informed curriculum
- access to career-based education options
- emphasis on individual student growth over standardized test scores
- wraparound services provided in their communities



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## What do you view as the greatest challenge facing JCPS and how do you propose to address it?

The greatest challenge is providing a 21st century education to every student. I plan to propose the replication or expansion of successful programs. I want to increase opportunities for students to access internships, apprenticeships, and career-focused curriculum. Access to challenging curriculum should be universally available at all grade levels.

## How do you think the relationship between JCPS and the business community could be strengthened and more effectively leveraged to support student success?

As aforementioned, I want to expand on popular programs and build on the success of things like the Academies of Louisville. JCPS is fortunate to have a strong relationship with some corporations but that can be expanded to smaller businesses as well. I would also be open to discussing how schools can partner with small businesses in their area to introduce students to career options.