Central Bucks School District Board of School Directors Candidate: Region IX

Candidate Name: ROBERT FARLEY

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1. Why have you submitted your name for consideration and why do you feel you are the best candidate for this position?

As a 35-year resident of Warwick I have seen this district's triumphs & low-points. My grandchild started their first year in this district and I feel I have an obligation to be part of the solution and not just complain. I want my grandchildren to have the best educational experience that Central Bucks is known for. In my career I have developed listening skills that allow me to be open to various viewpoints. We can all agree that this past year has been a roll coaster, which leads me to discuss mental health. I would be very interested in having discussions with board members, staff & professionals about how we can better aid the mental health to those students in need.

2. Please tell us a little about your involvement in the community and our schools, and how you feel that experience translates to being an effective school board member.

My wife Pat and I have raised 5 wonderful children. I have been actively involved in various children's sports activities at all ages both as a team manager and as a coach. I have been an active parishioner of St Cyril's Church since I moved to Warwick, serving on the Capital Campaign Committee and as a Life Teen Coach while my children were attending high school. I feel that as a working father, active parent and coach I have demonstrated positive leadership and a sense of responsibility for the well-being of all the children I have been involved with. I think this has given me a perspective that will make me an effective school board member.

3. Are you able to commit to the time required for being a school board member? Typically, there are two Board meetings per month, four Committee meetings per month, and Executive Sessions are called as needed, usually two – four times per month. Additionally, emergency/special meetings are called as needed, and the Board meets as a group in retreat sessions one-two times per year.

Yes. I just retired after a wonderful career in the Information Technology field, and I would be honored to serve on the School Board in order to act as the bridge between the families and the School District.