

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

Candidate Name: THEODORE KOSIN

Date completed: September 18, 2021

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

I submitted my name for the position of Region IX School Board Director because I feel education is paramount to the future success of our youth. I believe I am uniquely qualified to handle today's stressful climate due to my background as a First Responder. In my time of public service to our country, I have been a Deputy Fire Chief and had to draft and vote on several policies. I made a number of training and educational advancements to ensure young Firefighters become old Firefighters. I was an Emergency Medical Technician and my wife is an Emergency Room Registered Nurse. I support our medical community. They have a tough job and I will look to their guidance when making student health decisions.

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.

I have been involved in the fire service for over 10 years. This gives me a unique perspective of the community. I have also been a strong advocate for increased support staff in our schools, and making sure that we have more guidance counselors available for our 504 and IEP students. In my view, the current ratio of students to counselors is too large and we should work on changing that. I will always put the student first and ensure they receive a top notch education that the Central Bucks Community is accustomed to. I moved to this school district because my wife graduated from Central Bucks High School West and received a high quality education. I want to help and see the Central Bucks School District continue to lead the way. If we do not handle our district with great care with equality and justice for all students, we will fail as a school district and lose our great reputation. Equality in education is a great goal for our community to strive for, and I believe a case-by-case approach to solving any disparities will be the best way to close any gaps.

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 am. My schedule is flexible and I am committed to making Central Bucks the best school district in Pennsylvania.