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VOTERS GUIDE

November 8, 2016
General Election
Wylie ISD

Early voting: October 24 – November 4

Election Day Polls: November 8 – 7 am to 7 pm

About This Voters Guide

This *Voters Guide* is published by the League of Women Voters of Collin County to help citizens prepare to cast an informed vote. The League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

Questionnaires were sent to all candidates who will appear on the ballot, whether or not the race is contested. Candidates' replies were subject to a character limit and are printed without editing or verification. If a candidate did not respond by the Voters Guide deadline, then "No response received" is printed. Later responses may appear at www.VOTE411.org. Candidates were asked to avoid references to their opponents. Photos are included for candidates who provided them.

This guide is available online at www.LWVCollin.org.



To see all races for your address, visit www.VOTE411.org.

When & Where to Vote

For Collin County voting locations, hours, and a sample ballot, visit http://www.collincountytx.gov/elections/election_information or call 972-547-1990 (McKinney).

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Wylie ISD Board of Trustees

3-year term, elected district wide. Must be at least 18 years old, a United States citizen, a qualified voter, and a resident of the District. The Board of Trustees makes all final decisions regarding school district priorities, policies, personnel, textbooks, expenditures, and growth management. Trustees adopt a budget, levy taxes, and submit bond issues to finance construction projects.

QUESTION – UNCONTESTED

Even though your race is not contested this time, please share with voters your priorities for the next term and how you will address them.

QUESTIONS – CONTESTED

Growth: What issues exist related to population growth and changing demographics in your district, and how would you address them?

Students: Which student populations, if any, are underserved in your district, and what could be done to address those?

Curriculum: What, if anything, should be done to better prepare students for success in the 21st century?

Safety: What, if anything, should be done to increase safety in your district's schools?

Finances: What, if any, changes are needed to the school district's finances?

Other Issues: What are the most important issues you think will come before your school district in the next few years? What are your views on these issues?

Wylie ISD, Place 3

Barbara Goss, Wylie ISD Place 3

No response received

Wylie ISD, Place 4

Matt Atkins, Wylie ISD Place 4

No response received

Lance Goff, Wylie ISD Place 4



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Education: Bachelors degree in Business Management from University of Phoenix
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Experience: Served 8 years on the Wylie ISD School Board.

Growth: With Wylie becoming a destination city and the school district becoming a destination district, the influx in students can quickly overwhelm a district like ours. Fortunately, our voters overwhelmingly approved a bond in 2014 that has allowed us to keep up with the infrastructure needs of the district. . We have set up a bond steering committee made up of our citizens to help us plan for the future growth. This allows the voters to have a say in how we manage growth. We already are looking 10-15 years down the road to make sure we meet the needs of our students and staff.

Students: Wylie ISD works hard to meet the needs of all of our students from both an educational and personal level. We are currently working with several districts to meet the needs of our students with severe behavioral issues. Our goal is to provide them with a safe facility that will meet their needs while protecting the rest of the students in the district. However, as a district, I feel that we do a great job meeting the needs of our students.

Curriculum: Wylie ISD is in the forefront of preparing our students for the future. The best example of this is our STAR scores that outpace the rest of the districts in the State. We assure that each student is provided with a plan and a pathway for a career early on. This plan is designed by the student, parents and counselors. This allows students to try out a career and see if they like the courses before parents spend money in college only to find out the student really doesn't want that career after all. WISD has partnered with high-tech companies in the area as well as CCCC to prepare our students.

Safety: Safety is always a concern. It is a difficult line to walk between safety and creating an unfriendly environment. Over the past few years, WISD has added additional security cameras, additional lighting, and an electronic entry system. We work closely with first responders to ensure we are prepared for a wide variety of threats. At the same time, we encourage our teachers and staff to foster a meaningful relationship with our students so that we are in a better position to know about potential issues and take appropriate action.

Finances: I am extremely proud of our finances as a district. WISD is nationally recognized for our sound fiscal management and transparency in our operations. We operate a conservative budget which has kept us in a better financial shape than our neighboring districts. We hold one of the highest bond ratings of any ISD which has allowed us to strategically maximize our resources and save our citizens money. The fact that we were able to do two bond issues to provide for our needs and not raise taxes is a great example of the sound fiscal management of our district.

Other Issues: State funding will be an issue in the coming years. As the State's finances take a hit due to lower tax revenues, we will likely see future cuts in education spending again. Last time, we were able to tighten our belt, but everyone kept their job. That is extremely important to me. Also, as we continue to grow, we need to try to keep our sense of small-town family. These schools belong to the community. We should be proud of the job the employees of the district are doing and as a Trustee of the district, I will do my best to ensure that we continue to be The Wylie Way.

Wylie ISD, Place 7

Stacie Gooch, Wylie ISD Place 7

No response received

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Your vote is your voice. Be heard.