

Watchmen Voter Guide for Kellogg School District Zone #4

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	Alexa Griffin	David Hernandez
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	No Response Received	My name is David Hernandez. I'm running for the School Board Trustee, Zone 4, in the Kellogg School District # 391. I'm running for this position because I believe that we need leaders with conservative views that will represent and be the voice of the parents.
2. How could your school district be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	No Response Received	My school district could be improved by: improving test scores, involving parents in the classroom, and building stronger ties between the board, the administration and the parents. Lastly, offer transparency on issues pertinent to the education of the children, the needs of teachers and let parent's voices be heard.
3. What is your educational philosophy and how do you plan to implement this philosophy as a member of the board of trustees?	No Response Received	As a member of the board of trustees, I believe all children are unique and must have a stimulating educational environment where they can grow mentally, emotionally and socially. It will be my desire to create this type of atmosphere where students can meet their full potential with the help of their parent and also their teachers.
4. What role should "Critical Race Theory" have in the education of children?	No Response Received	CRT should have no role in the education of our children, it only promotes division within society. Kids should not learn to separate one human being from another on the basis of skin color.
5. Would you support adding diversity, equity, and inclusion to the school curriculum? Why or why not?	No Response Received	I will not support adding diversity, equity, and inclusion to the school curriculum because it marginalizes people based on emotions and feelings. It creates small clusters of entitled individuals that demand their needs to be catered to regardless of other people's needs. The way I see it, those characteristics mentioned above, are included in the curriculum already, because the curriculum includes everyone, the curriculum is not made up for just some individuals.
6. What is your view on the growth of Charter Schools?	No Response Received	I view charter schools in a positive manner because they promote accountability to all parties involved, administration, teachers, students, and parents. The waiting list speaks volume of how competitive these institutions are. Charter Schools are held accountable for student's grades.
7. Should children be allowed to access obscene materials through school libraries? Please base your answer on the federal definition of obscenity.	No Response Received	No child should have access to obscene material through school libraries. The Supreme Court has ruled that, <i>"transmitting obscenity and child pornography, whether via the Internet or other means, is... illegal under federal law for both adults and juveniles."</i> - <i>Reno v. ACLU</i> , 521 U.S. 844 (1998). According to the United States Department of Justice, "Obscenity is not protected under First Amendment rights to free speech, and violations of federal obscenity laws are criminal offenses. The U.S. courts use a three-pronged test, commonly referred to as the <i>Miller</i> test, to determine if given material is obscene. Obscenity is defined as anything that fits the criteria of the <i>Miller</i> test, which may include, for example, visual depictions, spoken words, or written text. Federal law makes it illegal to distribute, transport, sell, ship, mail, produce with intent to distribute or sell, or engage in a business of selling or transferring obscene matter. Convicted offenders face fines and imprisonment. Although the law generally does not criminalize the private possession of obscene matter, the act of receiving such matter could violate federal laws prohibiting the use of the mails, common carriers, or interactive computer services for the purpose of transportation. (For more information, see Citizen's Guide to Federal Law on Obscenity).

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8. Do you support or oppose bathroom and locker room usage based on preferred gender identification? Why or why not?	No Response Received	I oppose bathroom and locker usage based on the preferred gender identification because I believe in actual facts, there is only two genders, male and female. When we start to accommodate make-believe genders, we open the doors for fantasy and delusion. The school district goal has always been, to prepare and educate children, so they can become successful and productive citizens.
9. How should counselors work with parents to resolve issues with their children?	No Response Received	Counselors and parents should join forces to identify the root cause of the problem. The collaboration of both parties is necessary to facilitate a more appropriate approach to get a positive outcome, with regard to the child's best interests.
10. What is your opinion on students being able to receive an abortion or change their gender without parental notification?	No Response Received	I believe in less government involvement with family matters. I do not support students being able to receive an abortion or change their gender without parental notification, the school does not "own" the student. Life-altering decisions should not be taken lightly. Parents should always be informed, that is their right and it is the school responsibility as well.
11. Do you support the 1619 project? Why or why not?	No Response Received	No, I do not support the 1619 project because it promotes the re-writing of history with false narrative. It paints this false account that descendants of slaves should have reparations from past suffering and it promotes racism.
12. In what circumstances should students be able to receive mental health assistance without parental notification?	No Response Received	Under no circumstances students should be able to receive mental health assistance without the parent's notification. It is important to identify the root of the problem so it can be dealt with properly, and it is the school's responsibility to inform the parents.
13. Who has the responsibility for the education of children?	No Response Received	We, the parents, are responsible to lay down the foundation for our kid's education.
14. What should the goal of education be?	No Response Received	I agree with the Kellogg School District's Mission Statement: "In a partnership of students, parents, educators and community is to ensure a safe, nurturing environment where people are challenged to achieve: individual responsibility, academic excellence, personal success and life-long learning" Sadly, the ISAT scores reveal a different story. In 2022, the expected level was not achieved.
15. Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	No Response Received	I oppose the legalization of marijuana for recreational use because of the negative effects in the individual's health and life.
16. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	No Response Received	I was born and raised in Mexico. I'm from a big family. My parents raised me with conservative Christian values. My siblings and I were fortunate to have a decent education, we did well. During my school years, I was held accountable for my grades. My parents, particularly my mom, was involved in the school. She made sure I did my homework every day, it paid off. I am a concerned parent and tax payer that believes in investing in our children's education so they can be equipped and become productive and well-balanced citizens. They are the future of this great country. Also, I'm able to work comfortably within a conflict rather than be intimidated or angered by it, which I think it is a great quality to make a positive change.