



Candidate Biography: James Huff

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What position are you running for?

Is this your first time running for Public Office? Yes

If not, how many terms in current/previous position?

What is your current profession/occupation? Lawyer

Please list public offices previously held: None

Candidate Information:

We cannot allow there to be a lost generation of students because of COVID-19 and that is my motivation to run for O'Fallon Township High School #203 School Board. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented the most significant challenge ever faced by United States public education system. While remote learning was necessary to keep our community safe, the negative impacts of prolonged remote learning has caused substantial learning deficits for all students.

I will build on OTHS' strong educational programs and provide additional support for students to combat learning loss in the 2021-2022 school year and beyond. I will advocate for additional in-person instruction time, high stakes testing support and tutoring, career and college placement support, and summer school programs. I will also support credit recovery programs to ensure that our students who struggled during the remote learning period will graduate on-time. Beyond the COVID-19 pandemic issues, I will advocate for education programs that meet our students needs in a diverse and rapidly changing economy. This includes expanding trade programs. I will collaborate with the Board to close achievement gaps for students from all walks of life. Most importantly, I will be an engaged Board member. I will not simply show up to meetings once a month, but will be actively engaged in the leadership of the District.

As an attorney who started his career in education law, I am the only school board candidate with a specific background in public education law. I know the legal hurdles that the District faces and how to address them efficiently and effectively. However, I believe my best attribute to be an OTHS 203 School Board member is my passion for community service and my unshakable belief in the value of a public education.

With your vote on April 6, 2021, I hope to join the OTHS 203 School Board to take on these tasks and serve the O'Fallon community.

Thank You,
James Huff