



Candidate Biography: Keith Richter

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What position are you running for? O'Fallon Dist #203 School Board

Is this your first time running for Public Office? No

What is your current profession/occupation? Security Officer

Please list public offices previously held: 3 terms on O'Fallon Dist #90 and 2 terms on O'Fallon Dist #203

Candidate Information:

I have fond memories of growing up on my families farm in O'Fallon Township and attending O'Fallon schools. I enjoyed a twenty five year career in the U.S. Coast Guard. While assigned in my Miami my the wife and I started a family and I the realized that out of everywhere that I lived, that O'Fallon was ideal for raising children. Thus I was able to secure a transfer to St. Louis and buying a home in O'Town in 1993.

During my twenty years of serving on the D90 and D203 School Boards the most significant challenge has always fine finances. Everyone always wants the best for our children. However, now with what we have going with the Covid 19 is truly a tragic event, that is cheating many of our students out of what may be the best years of their lives. I believe we have seen the worse of this and hopefully we can return to a more normal environment in the near future.

As far as single change is concerned, a board member has no authority whatsoever. To accomplish anything a board member has to have at least four votes. I have two things that would be at the top of my list. One being to continue to make long over due updates/improvements to our Smiley campus. The original building dates to 1958 with many additions since then. The second thing is that I want to start some serious dialog with about instruction in the trades. Our country has a serious shortage in trade workers. These are great paying jobs that are critical.

In regards to why I am more qualified than my opponents, is that I have twenty years of experience and I can guarantee you that no one else will put more time and effort into the position. I don't understand how a person runs for a position and has never attended a board meeting.