



Edwardsville | Glen Carbon
Chamber of Commerce

POLICY COUNCIL & BUSINESS BUILDS PAC

ECUSD#7: SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate:

Position Sought:

1. Please provide us with some basic information. Tell us briefly about:

- a. your family:**
- b. how long you've lived in District 7:**
- c. your education:**
- d. your employment:**

2. Why are you seeking this office?

3. What education, skills and experiences have prepared you to deal with the complex financial, technical and legal issues that regularly come before the school board?

4. Identify and prioritize the three most important challenges facing District 7. Please justify your prioritization. How do you propose to pay for these projects?

5. What are your thoughts on school district finances?

- a. Are there opportunities to cut expenses?
Specifically, where are those opportunities?**
- b. Is there a need for new or additional revenue?
Specifically, where would it come from?**
- c. Are there areas where spending needs to be increased?
Specifically, where does spending need to increase?
Specifically, where would the money come from?**

6. District 7's superintendent, approximately halfway through the employment contract, announced plans to depart; the district is currently engaging in a search for a new superintendent. If elected, how do you plan to partner with the

new superintendent? What are your recommendations for minimizing superintendent and key personnel turnover?

7. In March 2018 the 1% county-wide school facilities sales tax appeared on the ballot for the third time, and Madison County voters resoundingly opposed the implementation of this additional sales tax. If elected, would you support putting this tax before voters for a fourth time? Why or why not?

8. If you're the incumbent, what have been your significant accomplishments during your term? If you're the challenger, what do you believe have been the significant disappointments of the incumbents, and how would your term in office be different?

9. If elected, how would you engage with the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce as a conduit to the business community?

10. At the end of your term in office, how will you know if you've been successful?

11. What changes you would like to see regarding:

- a. how District 7 functions as a whole?**
- b. how District 7 addresses unfunded mandates?**
- c. how District 7 approaches curricula innovation?**
- d. how District 7 prepares students for entry into the workforce?**
- e. how District 7 has managed the COVID-19 situation?**