

✓ **Vote for Wendy A. BAUSTIAN, District 1, Seat A** 

I respectfully ask for your vote for Loudon County School Board. Election day is August 7, 2008. I believe that education in Loudon County has not been given the priority that it should.

We need to raise standards, improve academic achievement for all students and turn around struggling schools so that all children, in all neighborhoods, get the quality of education they deserve. I have been a volunteer at Loudon Elementary School for the past 3 years, as it is where my daughter attends school. I am also a volunteer with the Girl Scouts. During this time, I have had the opportunity to meet parents and voters across the county who care deeply about our children, the schools' they attend and what the future holds for them. They express frustration with our current elected officials and the politics that have, too often, distracted from system-wide improvements. This election is about our children!

My commitment is to bring real leadership and fiscal accountability to the School Board. I believe in community input because I have faith in the parents and the teachers of Loudon County and that together, we can make the best decisions for the children and the community. It is an exceptionally difficult budget year and I am fiscally conservative by nature, as my husband and I successfully manage our own business. I intend to bring my financial expertise and good management practices to board decisions in an effort to ensure the best outcome for education.

I am excited that we have a new Superintendent who is bringing us hope. I look forward to working diligently with him as we strive to improve education in our county. Accountability will be a key issue to success and it is important that we review our current practices to see where we can achieve improvements. We can't fix, what we don't acknowledge. New ideas will need to be explored so that we can implement new technology in the classrooms so that our children will be able to compete in the 21st century. Now is the time to elect an effective new School Board that works with our Superintendent to build and deliver a common vision of excellence. I believe that I can be an integral part of that team.

For the past 2 years, I have had the privilege of serving as the President of the Loudon Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization. I have been actively involved in our schools and can see first hand, the challenges our children and teachers face. We must consistently offer programs that support academic progress. Programs that challenge our students to exceed their every expectation all the while, broadening their horizons with the rich diversity our community has to offer. I have actively shared my ideas at school board and county commission meetings. I have had conversations during morning coffee hours with parents, heard concerns at neighborhood meetings and answered questions via a web-site (Loudoncountyschoolsolutions.blogspot.com). I will work to make a difference for Loudon County Schools. That is my commitment!

Please, vote for me....Wendy A. Baustian, District 1, Seat A

Sincerely,

Wendy A. Baustian

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