

VOTER GUIDE – BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION
PONTIAC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tuesday, November 3, 2009
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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5 Candidates for SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER for TWO 4-year terms

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<p>DAMON DORKINS 1058 N. Fairway Dr. Pontiac, MI 48340</p>	<p>Married to La-Keesha Dorkins and has three (3) daughters;</p> <p>Life-long resident of Pontiac, Michigan for 33 years and have extended my time and efforts towards the improvement of our City and Schools;</p> <p>Graduate of ITT Tech, Knoxville, TN with a Bachelor’s Degree in Electrical Engineering Technology; Graduate of McComb County Regional Police Academy; Graduate of Pontiac Northern High School 1994;</p> <p>Pontiac School Board President; Pontiac City Police Officer; Certified Board Member - Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB); Member of MASB Black Council; Member of the NAACP; Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.;</p> <p>Regional Director of Michigan Young Democrats for the 12th & 9th Congressional Districts; Member of Free & Accepted Mason -Prince Hall; and Member of Welcome Missionary Baptist Church.</p> <p>With two children attending school in this district, I have a vested interest. I am running for School Board Trustee to continue the restructuring and redesign programs that</p>	<p><u>SAFETY</u> As a police officer, I realize how important it is to provide a safe environment. Students must feel safe within our schools. During my tenure, we have hired a chief of security and have outline goals and objectives for the district.</p> <p>My plan of action would be to continue to provide necessary resources that will enable the security personnel to continue to provide a safe environment for our students and employees.</p> <p><u>ACCOUNTABILITY</u> Leadership begins at the board level. Everyone must be held accountable at every level. To ensure that everyone understands their role, under my leadership, we have developed a strategic plan with goals and objectives and measures to evaluate our personnel and district progress.</p> <p>My plan of action is to ensure that annual evaluations are conducted by the School Board of the superintendent of schools as it relates to student achievement; financial practices; and human resource management. Likewise,</p>

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<p>TOMMALETA HUGHES 2310 Mattie Lu Dr. Auburn Hills, MI 48326</p>	<p>My Educational background is in education. I have a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from Tuskegee University and a Master’s of Teaching Degree from Oakland University. I, also, have over thirty hours of courses work in educational administration from Michigan State University.</p> <p>I am running for the position of school board trustee because I feel I am a well qualified candidate. I taught for fifteen years, and was the head teacher in every building where I taught. I was an elementary principal of a school that was recognized, under my leadership, as one of the most improved schools in the State of Michigan. I’ve also held the positions of Turn-Around Specialist, Principal of an Alternative High School, Director of Personnel and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. I, also, served one term as a school board trustee, becoming certified by Michigan Association of School Boards.</p>	<p>The three issues that the Pontiac School District should address are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure that all students receive a quality education that will prepare them to compete in a global society. 2. Accountability at all levels must be maintained. The Board should be held accountable for making and enforcing policy. The superintendent and his team should be held accountable for making sure the district is run in an effective, and efficient manner. The educational staff should be held accountable for making sure all students are successful and can demonstrate growth. All district employees should be expected to perform their duties and responsibilities effectively. 3. The district should be fiscally responsible and maintain a balance budget at all times. The district should aggressively seek additional funding through grants, corporate sponsorship, donations, and the sale of property not being utilized.
<p>BEN SHATTUCK 617 Markle St. Pontiac, MI 48340</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	
<p>ANGELENA M. THOMAS 44 Beechwoode Ln. Pontiac, MI 48340</p>	<p align="center">DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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<p>CAROLL Y. TURPIN 44 Vinewood Ct. Pontiac, MI 48341</p>	<p>Married to Bruce E. Turpin, D.D.S. Proud parents of 4 adult children. Member of Trinity Missionary Church. Education-Spelman College. Social Worker and Operations Manager. A member of Pontiac Alumni Assoc., Detroit Urban League, Creative Arts Center and Optimist Club. Volunteered at Jefferson Middle School, LeBaron and Alcott Elementary Schools. Served on numerous Pontiac School District Committees: Advisory Steering Committee, Financial Stabilization and Recovery, Oakland Press Education Roundtable Committee, Accountability for Achievement Committee and Closed Facilities Project.</p> <p>I am offering myself as a candidate because I believe that our Future is Education. My experiences with the school district and community has led me to study issues that impact student achievement, to examine leadership and governance models, and to understand how schools are funded. Our Legacy is our Children. They deserve an Excellent Education.</p>	<p>The Top 3 Priority Issues the School District should address are (1) improving student achievement-especially for middle and high school students, (2) low graduation rate and lagging test scores and (3) developing ways to increase the active involvement of parents and community.</p> <p>I expect to achieve these goals by keeping the focus on student achievement, and having the associated accountability discussion on a regular basis. With a frequent review of student data, I believe we can identify all struggling students at an earlier stage in their education, and provide them with the needed resources to get back on track. The accountability discussion looks at the benchmarks that track a student's progress and the evaluation of the effectiveness of instructional programs and teaching methodology. Finally I would reach out to the parents and the community to promote education and partnerships towards a unified approach to public education in the district.</p>

3 Candidates for SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER for ONE partial term

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<p>MARY BARR 294 Luther Pontiac, MI 48341</p>	<p>I, Mary Barr, Candidate for the Pontiac School Board (1 year term), am an educator at the Pontiac Middle School. The daughter of the late Freddie Barr Jr. and the Rev. Patricia Barr, I am working on my second graduate degree at CMU and studying law at TAFT University. I'm running for the Pontiac School Board because I believe students deserve an opportunity to receive a quality education. I will use my education and teaching experience to put academic achievement at the top of Pontiac's agenda!</p>	<p>Academic achievement, accountability of funds, and safer schools are the top priority issues for me. If elected, I will make sure that all students and teachers have access to the district's supplement resources. I will be an advocate of our school district publishing our account of funds via the Internet so the district is financially accountable. I will proactively address safety by keeping parents informed, adopting a positive behavioral management program, and hiring qualified people.</p>

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<p>HAZEL L. CADD 80 W. Mansfield Pontiac, MI 48340</p>	<p>Work history includes K Mart Corporation, private real estate investment and property management firms, beauty supply companies, and Secretary of State. Employee of MSX International (18 yrs) serving as program administrator/customer service advocate for Chrysler Service Contracts and MOPAR.</p> <p>Attended Long Beach City College, Long Beach, California; Oakland Community College and Baker College, both in Auburn Hills. Classes in Business, Accounting, Paralegal, Real Estate, and Education. Member of NSBA, MASB; Secretary, Azteca Youth Enrichment, Inc. Pontiac, Pontiac Northern High School, class of 1971. One son, Carlos R Martinez, Pontiac Northern High School, 2003. I have high work ethics, value my integrity and try to do my best to help this community. I have developed my knowledge and skills on today's public education issues while serving as a current Board Trustee. I intend to ensure that I am an educated, wise and efficient decision maker for this District and plan to</p>	<p>Currently serving a one year appointment as PSD trustee, appointed Sept 2008 by unanimous vote of PSD board members. The Board has an obligation to be an effective and strong advocate of school governance—and I have!</p> <p>We need to: promote, aid, and improve student achievement. Have highly qualified and certified teachers, successful learning materials, and safe, clean learning environments; Help attract more funding and materials we need to meet our goals and needs; insure we are managing the dollars we have wisely and efficiently.</p> <p>Everyone shares the responsibility of insuring we have the quality of education required to succeed. Learning is a lifelong process. Step by step, person by person, we can make Pontiac a better place to live, learn, grow and become successful!</p> <p>If elected, I will help make this School District one of the most outstanding in our state and re-inspire the pride and success of our</p>
<p>KAINO PHILLIPS 809 Bay St. Pontiac, MI 48342</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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