



2024 SURVEY FOR COLONIAL HEIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD

Candidate: Angie K. Woody

1. Please tell us a bit about your background and involvement in the community.

I have lived in Colonial Heights for more than 60 years. I attended Colonial Heights public schools and then attended John Tyler Community College, (now Brightpoint Community College). I worked as a preschool teacher at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church for more than 25 years. I have served on the Colonial Heights School Board as chairman for three years and currently serve as Vice chairman. I also serve on the Colonial Heights Education Foundation and the Youth Services Commission. Both of my children graduated from Colonial Heights High School and during their years in school, I served on many PTO boards and throughout the years volunteered in classrooms and worked with various tutoring positions. I have been a member of Swift Creek Baptist Church for 40 years where I have served in many church leadership roles.

2. Do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent? If Republican, are you in accord with [The Republican Creed](#)?

As per the City of Colonial Heights code, all candidates for school board are required to run as independents. I personally am a Republican and I'm also in accord with the Republican Creed.

3. Please tell us why you are running for School Board.

Colonial Heights Public Schools has always been an excellent system. We have many dedicated teachers, staff and administrators that put our students' needs first. If elected, I would be honored to continue to serve the students, faculty, staff, and citizens. I feel that my experience on the school board can be helpful to other board members and to collaborate with them to maintain quality educational opportunities for our students and provide a great workplace for our faculty and staff.

4. What are two or three things that the Colonial Heights Public School is doing well?

We offer our students many academic and vocational programs to prepare them for life outside the classroom.

- We have a low student to teacher ratio.
- We have highly qualified teachers and many stay until retirement.
- We provide many excellent extracurricular activities.
- We offer dual enrollment which allows students to earn college credits before graduation.

5. What are two or three things that the Colonial Heights Public Schools need to improve on?

The school population continues to increase. We need to stay focused on the need for school expansion.

- Especially in our elementary schools to maintain a low student to teacher ratio.
- Taking steps to improve chronic absenteeism to help with student achievement
- Provide/expand mental health services.

6. How will you seek to be responsive to city residents if elected to the School Board?

I will be available to parents, teachers and citizens to discuss any concerns that they may have regarding our schools or their children.

7. What is the proper role of parents in their child(ren)'s public school education?

Parents should always be encouraged to be involved in their child's education. Parents play a vital role in the day-to-day activities at their child(ren)'s school. Their concerns should be addressed promptly. Some ways to stay involved with your children's education is through school board meetings, PTO programs, parent/teacher communication, and other special activities in your child's school.

8. Does critical race theory (CRT) have a place in public schools?

CRT should not be a part of the classroom curriculum. American history should be taught but including CRT separates and divides us rather than unites us. Students need to be taught to be respectful of each other.

9. Is there anything else you would like to share that was not already asked?

Presently serving on the school board, I feel that my experience will be helpful to other members. I will strive to collaborate with each member to make the best possible decisions for our school district. I am vested in Colonial Heights Public Schools and want to see our students, teachers and staff excel in all areas of academics, sports and socially.