

ABCs FOR CHANGE: SALOME CONSOLIDATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #30

Accountability:

As Board Members we represent the citizens of Salome. We owe them our best efforts in promoting excellence in education; not just 'teaching to the test' or 'teaching the test'. We owe our citizens and children the finest education possible including ALL aspects of education; not just skills but also the arts, music, great literature, science, computer literacy and social studies which go far beyond 'the test'.

Budget Responsibility:

We have a responsibility to use our citizens' tax dollars wisely! Budgeting should be from the classroom up. Our teachers should not be using out-dated textbooks and having to supplement the \$120 per year, per classroom allocation for supplies with their own funds. Administration should present clear and concise budgets to the Board which take into account our restrictive economic times. The Board should NEVER raise taxes on our citizens just because they can without going to the voters.

Community Involvement:

We have a wealth of untapped skill in our community. Community members should be invited in to the school to share their knowledge and skills with our students; and our students should go out into the community as a part of their curriculum. Citizen input should NEVER be discouraged. Part of our decision making in implementing or continuing the 4 day school week should come from the community. In April of 2010 over eighty community members signed a sheet urging the Board to reconsider the 4 day school week. Their input was never even discussed. That is wrong!

My name is Eunice Jones. I have served as an appointed member of the Salome Elementary School District since September 2010. As a former educator with 30+ years of experience as a teacher, administrator and University Associate Professor teaching teachers I KNOW what makes for excellence in education. As a former attorney, working with abused and neglected children, I KNOW the suffering of children who are abused at home and not nourished in school. We can and should do better for the children of Salome! To that end I propose my ABCs for change and request your vote on November 2nd.