



## WHEN, WHERE AND HOW to vote for the IPS board

**Election Day is November 3,  
but develop your plan to vote now:**

- Check to ensure your voter registration is updated.
- Decide if you want to vote in person or by mail.
  - Indiana does require you to state a reason for voting by mail, but the list of reasons is long. If voting by mail works best, then you likely have that option.
- If you're voting in person, then consider voting early.
- **Don't stop at the top!** Vote all the way down your ballot, and definitely vote in the IPS board races that are likely toward the end of your ballot.

You can check your voter status, apply for a mail ballot and find early voting sites by visiting [indianavoters.com](http://indianavoters.com).





## SO MUCH to vote for

As Indianapolis parents, we are struggling under the weight of 2020. COVID-19 has us worried about the health of our families, and we're very concerned about our children falling behind academically. The inequities that impact our education system have only grown wider due to the pandemic. **Simply put, there is too much at stake in this election to sit on the sidelines.**

Voting in the presidential race is important, but the decisions made at the local level have a more immediate impact on **our children's safety, education and job prospects.** That's why, as IPS parents, we're asking that you vote in every race – and especially in the IPS school board elections.

The candidates highlighted within this voter guide are endorsed by IPS parents because they are committed to a more just and equitable IPS. They care about hiring and retaining great teachers, fixing struggling schools and listening to concerns of parents like us. **Join IPS parents and support candidates who will put kids first.**

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### About Us



**We are Indianapolis Public Schools parents** who are deeply invested in our schools and concerned about the inequities that exist. As parent members of the local chapter of Stand for Children, we led an extensive candidate endorsement process that started with sending a survey to each of the IPS school board candidates. We wanted to hear from the candidates in their own words about their plans. We spent hours reviewing surveys, doing our own research on the candidates and coming together to discuss our opinions.

The candidates highlighted in this voter guide were responsive to us and did the best job addressing the concerns we have about IPS. **We hope you'll join us in supporting these leaders who we are entrusting with the futures of our children. Please vote in our IPS board races this election season.**

#### IPS parents recommend WILL PRITCHARD in District 1

"I want to see a board member elected who is not afraid to make changes that uplift our struggling schools. **Will Pritchard** is an IPS parent who will listen and respond to parents and I think that is the change we need."  
- Melissa, IPS grandparent

**Will Pritchard's priorities for IPS:**

- Address inequities and close the opportunity gap
- Increase teacher pay and hire more teachers of color
- Ensure IPS is financially strong

#### IPS parents recommend VENITA MOORE in District 2

"**Venita Moore** is part of our community and I agree with her priorities. She wants IPS kids to have the tools they need to be successful, eliminate racial disparities and make sure teachers are paid what they deserve. I like that she will focus on teachers as well as students like mine."  
- Ana, IPS parent

**Venita Moore's priorities for IPS:**

- Attract and retain great teachers
- Turn around schools that are failing to serve our Black and Brown students
- Address discipline disparities that are impacting children of color

#### IPS parents recommend DIANE ARNOLD in District 4

"The people elected to the IPS board need to listen to parents when we tell them what our children need. **Diane Arnold** responded to us and completed the survey we sent. The other candidate in this district didn't take time to complete the survey, and I don't think she will take time to listen to parents later."  
- Sashah, IPS parent

**Diane Arnold's priorities for IPS:**

- Positive change to improve struggling schools
- Raising teacher pay and hiring great teachers
- Improving the high school experience, especially at George Washington

#### IPS parents recommend KENNETH ALLEN At-Large


"I have witnessed young children suspended in IPS schools, and that is unacceptable to me. I trust **Kenneth Allen** to make sure our schools have the social and emotional supports they need to help our kids cope and keep them in the classroom."  
- Cassa, IPS parent

**Kenneth Allen's priorities for IPS:**

- Addressing systemic racism impacting Black and Brown students
- Increasing internships and career training in high schools
- Ensuring IPS is meeting student needs in a post-COVID world


#### WILL PRITCHARD for IPS School Board District 1

Will Pritchard is a parent of two IPS students, and a proud product of public schools himself. Will is deeply involved in IPS, volunteering in schools and serving on an IPS advisory committee. Working in community development, Will has supported efforts to improve east side neighborhoods and invest in affordable housing.




#### VENITA MOORE for IPS School Board District 2

Venita Moore cares deeply about IPS and the children it serves. Her family represents three generations of IPS graduates. She is a proud graduate of Arlington High School and a member of the IPS Hall of Fame. As a first-generation college graduate, Venita recognizes the needs of many IPS families, and she's committed to fighting for all IPS scholars in their search for greatness.



#### DIANE ARNOLD for IPS School Board District 4

Diane Arnold has a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities on the west side. Diane previously served as director of the Hawthorne Community Center. The summer programs she helped launch to minimize summer learning loss and improve bilingual education continue to improve the lives of children in the Hawthorne community.



#### KENNETH ALLEN for IPS School Board At-Large

Kenneth Allen had to overcome challenges growing up in poverty, and he's spent his career helping urban youth prepare for success after high school by learning the basics of business and financial literacy. He is passionate about ensuring IPS teachers have the training needed to help kids deal with social and emotional trauma.

