



S. Jaime Arredondo

**Candidate for
Corpus Christi Independent School District
Board of Trustee, District 2**

1) Tell us a little about yourself.

I am a retired CCISD Central Office administrator whose career has spanned a total of 37 years in various educational assignments with the last 22 years spent with CCISD before my retirement in 2006. I am currently the District 2 trustee serving as Vice President for 2019-2020. I am completing a two-year unexpired term for which I was elected in 2018. I ran unopposed then and I am unopposed again this election cycle seeking a four-year term.

I was a doctoral fellow in the Cooperative Superintendent's Program at the University of Texas at Austin from 1983-1984, received my Master's degree in Administration and Supervision from UT Pan American in 1973 and my Bachelor's of Science degree from UT Pan American in 1968.

I am married to Lupita R. Arredondo, a retired educator, and together we have six married adult children. Three sons and their spouses are educators with all working for CCISD. We are also the proud grandparents of fourteen grandchildren with ten currently attending CCISD schools. I look forward to continue serving CCISD and our community in hopes of making CCISD and our community a better place.

2) Why are you running for office?

I am running for office because I strongly believe and advocate for public education. It is an honor and privilege in seeking to continue to serve the students, teachers, administrators, and the working community. I wish to passionately ensure that "all" our students continue to receive an equal and quality education with high expectations and continuous improvement as well as options for career pathways; I want to be a voice for students, teachers, administrators and our community; I will ensure we maintain a strong fiscal responsibility providing for essential resources for campuses and safe/secure schools, and I will strive to ensure for a quality salary/benefits option for all personnel.

Why now? We are currently experiencing a historic time which is challenging public education. I believe that now, more than ever, I have the leadership, experience, commitment and knowledge to be able to understand and face these challenging times.

3) What will you do different in office than the previous candidate?

If elected I will ensure:

- that we engage in a more strategic process of communication that promotes support, transparency, value, and respect.
- that we build stronger relationships with community and business organizations in support of our district goals and initiatives especially as it relates to instruction, bond programs and infrastructure needs.
- that we closely monitor our technology needs and training for teachers, students, and district operations.
- that we establish a strategic process to evaluate the current instructional programs for effectiveness and continued use.
- and that the necessary professional training provided to our teachers and administrators effectively support our district goals and initiatives.
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4) What experience or qualifications do you have that makes you the best choice for this office?

It is my opinion that I am the best candidate for this office because of my extensive experience in leadership, management, and knowledge of district operations as well as my experience as a teacher, principal, state migrant director (Montana), staff consultant at T.E.A., and as a CCISD school leadership director. Additionally, my two years' experience as a CCISD trustee working on promoting bond programs, developing board instructional goals, assisting in the development of a strategic 10 year infrastructure needs plan, interpreting key data for instructional progress, coordinating school boundary changes, dealing with sensitive personnel issues, developing a district operational budget, closely working with the Superintendent and his administrative team and the experience of major decisions during these unprecedented times enhance my qualifications. My experience provides a comprehensive insight as to the needs of CCISD and the greater Corpus Christi community.

I am proud, honored and look forward on remaining a member on the team of eight with the Superintendent and my fellow board members. I also look forward to continuing serving our teachers, students, employees, and community by bringing my knowledge, leadership, and commitment in promoting CCISD.