



Alice Upshaw Hawkins

**Candidate for
Corpus Christi Independent School District
Board of Trustee, At-Large**

1) Tell us a little about yourself.

My name is Alice Upshaw Hawkins. I was born in Robstown and raised in Corpus Christi, TX by a single parent because my father died in a trucking accident. I attended public schools in Corpus Christi and a graduate of Moody HS. Earned a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education from Texas A & I University in Kingsville, TX; a Master of Arts in Composition and Rhetoric from Texas A & M University Corpus Christi, TX; Doctoral candidate in Educational Leadership Texas A & M University, Kingsville, TX. Dissertation writing in progress with expected graduation date May 2021. Retired from teaching in 2011. Taught in: West Oso ISD, Victoria ISD, CCISD, and Flour Bluff ISD. Adjunct Professor-English & Philosopher Dept. Del Mar College. 2003-Present.

2) Why are you running for office?

I've chosen to run for re-election to continue my relationship with education at a policy level. Being a board member allows me to be a part of making policy that will guide the superintendent and his team to operationalize and develop programs designed to help educate our students. As an educator, I bring practical classroom experience to the table that will allow me to make informed decision about curriculum and instruction because of my teaching career; to contribute to developing a well-educated community. I'm also running for re-election at this time to give back to my community.

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

One of the big issues that I have been confronted with during my term in office is the lack of allowing every member on the board to participate in a leadership role while serving as a board member. I've spent four years on the board and served under two presidents and three chairpersons of two standing committees. We have a well-educated team of 7 and everyone brings a special talent, but our board has not afforded every member to be heard nor member concerns about governance addressed.

I'd like to see an instrument for evaluating the superintendent; provide teachers with additional training that will help them navigate 21st instruction; I would also like to see teachers receive pay raises that is aligned with what we asked them to do every day.

4) What experience or qualifications do you have that makes you the best choice for this office?

I have spent the last 4 years learning the about school governance; attended training over and beyond what is required by TASA & TASBE Organization; furthered my education in educational leadership by seeking a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership; made myself available to the students, parents, school leadership when needed; retired educator who knows and understand education and educational needs.