



Marty Bell

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

1. Tell us a little about yourself.

I am a product of CCISD (Schanen ES, Browne JH, Carroll HS). My wife is a product of CCISD as well as all three of my children. My wife and daughter currently teach at Ray High School and my son teaches at Flour Bluff High School. Education is the top topic of conversation in our house every single day except when we talk about my two grandsons! I was a classroom teacher for 34 years, the last 18 at Carroll High School. While at Carroll, I served as the boys head basketball coach for 12 years. I also served on the District Consultation team for six years, the last four as the chairman. I also served on the District Advisory Team for six years, the last four as the co-chairman. Because of my experiences, I gained an invaluable insight into the workings of CCISD. When I retired from teaching in 2016, I decided to run for the CCISD Board of Trustees. I believe and still do that having a teacher, parent, coach on the board gives a louder voice to the decision-making process and speaks for what is best for students and teachers.

2. Why are you running for office? Why now?

I ran for office because I believed that my experience would help move the board level decisions closer to the classroom. So many times what the boards and central office administrators hear, see or are told does not reflect the ground level reality. I believe the sum total of my experience could help the 35,000 students of CCISD get a better education, which in turn would help them have a better job and life.

**3. What will you do different in office than the previous candidate?
What will you do differently if elected to another term?**

I don't know if I will do anything differently. In 2016, our board attended Lone Star training which really forced us to take a look at our goals for our students. The main take away was our students needed to read better. We redid our district goals to reflect that laser focus. Through the hard work of our students and teachers, we have seen a steady increase in our student's ability to read. This despite Hurricane Harvey and the current COVID-19 situation. I will continue to be an advocate for our teachers and students. This includes continuing our emphasis on reading, providing the best possible facilities, creating the best working conditions for our employees.

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

Product of CCISD, Classroom teacher/coach for 34 years, Chairman District Consultation committee, Co-Chairman District Advisory Team, Served on Carroll High School Campus Advisory Team, Served on Carroll High School Library Board, Masters in Educational Technology for Texas A & M University at Corpus Christi