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TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF.

I am a child of God, a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. I moved to Crosby in 2007 and have five grandsons attending Crosby schools. I enjoy sports, the arts, spending time with family & friends and making new friends. I work in the medical center for Baylor College of Medicine at the Children's Nutrition Research Center, USDA/ARS. I don't love the drive but I do love my work.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO WANT TO BE A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER?

Being an example motivates much of what I do, including running for the school board. Giving back should be at the top of everyone's list of things to do daily. I was raised to work hard, to be respectful and to be a blessing when ever possible. I passed these wisdoms to my children and I try each day in small & big ways to do the same for my grandchildren. You cannot set an example if you are sitting on the couch.

WHAT SPECIFIC STRENGTHS WOULD YOU BRING TO THE TABLE?

I am a good communicator and I have learned to be a better listener. I am a positive person and I strongly desire to be part of the solution not the problem. I read a lot for work and for pleasure because I enjoy learning. I'm not afraid to voice my concerns or my joys. I'm old, oh I guess I should say I'm seasoned but which ever you prefer, my years have garnished me with knowledge, experience and yes some hard earned wisdom. I also bring a humble servants heart to the table.

WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES FOR THE DISTRICT IN THE COMING YEAR?

Healing, rebuilding trust, restoring confidence, creating ways for the community to better understand the inter-workings of the district and how they can be a participant instead of a spectator. Overhauling our checks & balances and learning to be more open to everyone's ideas. So many have so much to offer, if we will only listen. Getting the budget in a manageable state and measuring what will be needed, over the next several years, to make CISD "whole" again.

WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS OF THE ROLES OF SUPERINTENDENT & SCHOOL BOARD? WHAT IS THE IDEAL RELATIONSHIP?

I view this union like a marriage/partnership and the district as the family unit. School board and superintendent are the head of the household/Mom & Dad, working together to build a safe and happy home for the family. A home where the family can grow, learn, become independent and thrive while always finding ways to give back.

A COMMUNITY MEMBER COMES TO YOU REGARDING, FOR EXAMPLE, A MAINTENANCE ISSUE AT A CAMPUS, HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR ROLE AS A BOARD MEMBER IN RESOLVING THAT ISSUE?

You acknowledge the community members concerns, you ask what contact, if any, they have made to discuss the issue, you advise what department/person can be contacted and you offer to follow up as well. Working together to find solutions, answer questions, ease concerns, being a point of contact and a good neighbor should be the role of a school board member.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION?

We as a district, community and family are in a really bad place financially. We have spent money we did not have and now we need to tighten the purse strings. We all want the students to have whatever they need and yes most of what they want, just like at home. However, just like home, we are not always able to grant every wish. Right now, the spending has cost much more than over drawing the bank account. This financial crisis has put great employees in the unemployment line and divided us in ways I could have never dreamed of. It has brought us to our knees but while I'm down here, I pray daily for the financial restoration of our school district. I pray that we RISE.