

# Richland One School Board Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this candidate questionnaire.

GROW is a non-partisan, pro-public education 501(c)(4) organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for children in Richland County School District One (Richland One) through education, advocacy, and leadership accountability.

An informed public is integral to a successful election. In that spirit, please answer the following questions. GROW reserves the right to publish candidate responses, in whole or in part, with attribution. If a candidate does not respond, GROW reserves the right to share a "Did Not Respond" statement.

**All responses must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, September 22, 2024.**

Thank you for your time and for running for office.

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Name \*

Lee Carroll

What seat are you running for? \*

At-Large

Seat 2

Seat 4

What in your background leads you to believe you would be an effective school board member? What skills \*  
do you bring to the office?

Being assigned to a unit in Law Enforcement called Community Policing, I worked with the Communities and District One schools since 1989 until this present date! I will bring accountabilities, respect, a positive role model, common sense, customer service and especially bring in resources to help all students! Bring in Crisis Management Staff of Teachers to failing schools!

On a scale of 1 to 10, how well do you think Richland One is fulfilling its mission of educating students? \*

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What are the top three issues that the school board needs to address and why? \*

1. Superintendent performance: Observation: The Superintendent has fail District One students!
2. Unsafe facilities: District One schools are infestation with roaches, rodents and bats! Many of these old facilities have Asbestos that will cause cancers!
3. Children are injustice treated: There are many children being mistreated because of where they lived! How they are dress and look! There are children being suspended or expulsion these are under the ages of 10 years old from Elementary School!

**According to the most recent test results**, only **23%** of 8th grade students met or exceeded math expectations and only **45%** met or exceeded English Language Arts (ELA) expectations. With so many of our students failing basic reading and math, it's no surprise that **39%** of Richland One high school graduates are not career or college ready. \*

In light of these results, is the current superintendent meeting expectations? Please explain how he is or is not.

No, the superintendent have fail District One, he have no committed to our children! If those test scores are correct then we all sure see there are many problems with in our public schools systems!

Per the State Inspector General's report, Richland One "mismanaged" \$31 million related to the Vince Ford \*  
Early Learning Center. This mismanagement led the [State Superintendent](#) to elevate the district from "fiscal  
watch" to "fiscal caution."

What would you recommend as the course of action for this particular project?

This project should be cancelled and those involved should be terminated and maybe charged! A question I will asks why  
Lower Richland area?

As a school board member, will you pledge to: \*

Yes

No

make your decisions in an open and  
transparent manner that is compliant  
with FOIA laws?



govern by the established school  
board policies?



prioritize dollars going into the  
classrooms versus administrative  
overhead?



set measurable goals and  
expectations for the superintendent  
regarding student academic  
achievement?



What kind of actions do you support to hold the superintendent accountable for meeting goals and \*  
expectations?

First and foremost we must find a new superintendent that have a vision into the future of safe, customer service,  
management, better school facilities and technology!

Is there anything else you want to share with GROW regarding your candidacy?

I wish all candidates much success, but I hope all candidates wants to make a difference in all children future!

