

CONTRACT WITH OTTAWA

*Conservative Candidate
for School Board*



“It is the natural, fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their children. The public schools of this state serve the needs of the pupils by cooperating with the pupil’s parents and legal guardians to develop the pupil’s intellectual capabilities and vocational skills in a safe and positive environment.”

MICHIGAN REVISED SCHOOL CODE

380.10 RIGHTS OF PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS; DUTIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.



Parents know best how to raise and care for their children, and are given the “natural” right to these responsibilities by God, protected by the 1st and 14th Amendments. Natural rights are those rights given to us by our Creator, rights that cannot be taken away by man, government or a school system.

While public schools play an important role, district employees and the school board members which oversee them are not given a legal role above that of a child’s parents, and must not usurp parental rights.



When local government ceases to preserve and protect the rights of the People, the People must act to reform local government.

This is accomplished by electing new leaders who prioritize liberty and the People above all else, while serving the needs of the community.

As citizens seeking elected office in Ottawa County, we establish this Contract with Ottawa for the people of Ottawa County, Michigan. Our cause is to protect the God-given Constitutional rights of the people, to secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and future generations, and to restore the bonds of trust between the People and their elected representatives.

The November 2022 election offers the People of Ottawa County an opportunity to elect representatives to local school boards who will lead courageously, reject passivity, restore local authority, protect parental rights, and respect the values and faith of the People of Ottawa County.

OVERVIEW

GOVERNING PRINCIPLES

We recognize our nation's Judeo-Christian heritage and celebrate America as an exceptional nation blessed by God. We stand united to restore and amplify the principles of American exceptionalism:

- Limited government
- Individual responsibility
- Self-determination
- Freedom of speech
- Freedom of association
- Religious liberty
- Sanctity of life and conscience
- Due process
- Justice governed by grace, mercy, love, and compassion
- The right of parents to direct the care and upbringing of their children

CONTRACT AGREEMENT

As an elected official in Ottawa County, I will:

- 1. Promote and protect liberty** and freedom by valuing the People of Ottawa County above the interests of government, corporations, or special interests. I will boldly take action to thwart tyranny, government overreach, and injustice in Ottawa County.
- 2. Govern with the least force** and least authority required, allowing citizens maximum opportunity to make their own decisions for their families, businesses, employees, churches, and schools.
- 3. Promote due process** and defend the rights and liberties of the People of Ottawa County, so the People may live without fear of reprisal or intimidation from local elected officials and staff.
- 4. Defend the moral responsibility of parents** and legal guardians to maintain control of the care and upbringing of their children, which must not be usurped by local government or the government school system. The government's moral responsibility for children must remain subservient to parents' rights.
- 5. Honor all people equally** due to their individual intrinsic value and worth; reject ideology that segregates people into groups to justify treating them differently.
- 6. Use common sense**, courage, and the Constitution when making decisions in my elected role.

PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

If elected to the School Board, I will support the following items listed below:

The Constitution

I will uphold the Constitution and protect the natural right of parents to make health and education decisions for their children, as outlined in Michigan School Code 380.10.

Educational Excellence

I will promote education excellence with an emphasis on high achievement in core subjects, and teaching that inspires creative, critical thinking. Promote and support the skilled trades as a meaningful career path. Advance access to a variety of support services for students with special needs that fosters growth and independence to achieve their highest potential.

Protect Religious Freedom and American Values, and Oppose Indoctrination

I will respect and preserve religious freedom and American values. Protect students' right to conscience and free speech. Ensure an unbiased curriculum, free of indoctrination.

Promote Teaching of America's True History

I will celebrate America as an exceptional nation. Promote teaching America's true history, including difficult subjects, as well as teaching children personal agency, including their possibilities and responsibilities as an American.

Oppose Teachings Aligned with Critical Race Theory (CRT)

I will promote Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream that people "should not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Oppose teachings aligned with Critical Race Theory (CRT), including; racial equity, privilege vs. oppression based on skin color, intersectionality, implicit bias, and systemic racism.

Oppose Controversial Materials in Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

I will oppose character education training containing controversial sexuality and racial teachings, and/or other content harmful to the healthy development of students, as may be found in Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) materials.

Oppose the Over Sexualization of Children

I will protect against the over sexualization of children through surveys, library and classroom library books, website resources, and/or Planned Parenthood aligned graphic Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) content for Pre K–12 students.

Protect the Privacy and Safety of Children and Women

I will protect the privacy and safety of children and women from biological males who desire to use women's bathrooms and locker rooms, as well as protect the integrity of women's sports.

Openness and Transparency

I will conduct school board and subcommittee meetings with openness and transparency, including disclosure of trainings, curriculum, initiatives, and/or content for teachers and students.

Safety from External Threats

I will provide for safety from external threats through building security, equipment, and personnel.

Principled Leadership

I will provide strong, principled leadership to the district superintendent, teachers, and employees, including opportunities for feedback, recognition for excellence, and accountability.

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*Respecting the judgment of citizens, I seek their
mandate to restore trust and freedom by signing the
Contract with Ottawa.*

Soli Deo gloria.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINTED NAME



“The Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment protects certain fundamental parental rights, including the right of parents to make decisions concerning the care, custody, and control of their children, to direct the upbringing and education of their children, the right to make medical decisions on behalf of their children, and, in conjunction with the First Amendment, to guide the religious future and education of their children.”

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