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1. Three top issues

Funding - affects programs, services and supplies, additions , new builds , and staffing levels

Balanced budget - affects all of the above as well as allocating adequate dollars to support technology, replacement of equipment, position control and many other issues. As a trustee you are mandated to present a balanced budget and weigh in the needs of every student .

Communication - between students , parents, employee groups, Mayor and Council, the Ministry of Education and Admin staff. Without building solid relationships you can't move forward on important issues of the Board

2. Priorities - Everything is focused around the social, intellectual, personal and emotional learning of students. Every priority should centre around them first

3. As current trustees we have already started to commit to reviewing how to reduce portables at least by 50 percent .Lobbying the Ministry and meeting with Mayor and council to allocate funds and school sites has already been started . Continual follow up and commitment to this reduction is important.

4 - I have already been advocating and promoting the use of schools for recreational programs. As a Board we continually look for joint use project with the City.