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If I separate and have a verbal understanding with my former spouse dealing with the children do we need a lawyer?

A

Our office has recently had files where verbal agreements explode and the client comes in saying but we agreed, so we can't enforce this. The legal expression is "verbal agreements are worth the paper they are written on." If issues surrounding the children are not written down, misunderstandings can occur, couples start disagreeing. Remember you separated for a reason. If you have an agreement in writing, even if you draw up something yourself it is better than a verbal understanding. Courts look at written agreements and start from there when determining what is best for the children.

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WHO'S RUNNING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE?

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PREVIOUS POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Currently the Halton Hills trustee for Halton Catholic District School Board and OCSTA Regional Director representing our Region 13.

WHY HAVE YOU DECIDED TO RUN? I have learned much over the past four years, which will make me an even more effective trustee. I want to continue to make non-political decisions that benefit all, support our children, make in-

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formed decisions and make our students/staff/stakeholders proud to be part of the HCDSB.

WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE ISSUES? 1. Student and staff well-being and achievement. 2. Governance and fiduciary responsibility. 3. Supporting our school board in their journey of working toward resources that will continue to make HCDSB the best it can be — all done through our Catholic lens of love.

IF ELECTED, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO ACCOMPLISH IN YOUR FIRST 100 DAYS? It will be



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very important to continue emphasizing the reduction of learning gaps that have occurred over the past few years and begin our journey creating the Multiyear Strategic Plan.

HOW WILL YOU EMBRACE AND CHAMPION DIVERSITY IN THIS ROLE?: Over the past four years, I believe my actions have represented that I support and champion diversity within the Halton Catholic School Board. I will continue this journey to support all our students.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Candidate Thomas Gwozdz didn't not respond to our questionnaire by press time.

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