

Pranay Gandhi

1) What is your opinion of the outside review?

A) I see the outside review by MGT as the non-binding recommendations of a consulting firm that lends an "objective third person" facet to the decision making process of our school district. The final decision of accepting particular recommendations does of course rest with the Board and Mr. Seto.

2) What is your impression of the performance of Mr. Seto?

A) In my conversations with Mr. Seto and the feedback from my kids, son is a Junior in Franklin High School and my daughter is in 8th. grade and their friends, i have a very positive impression of his performance as the Superintendent of our school district so far.

3) What is your impression of the leadership of the BOE? Do you want to make changes?

A) As of now, i have had limited interaction with the leadership of the BOE, having received limited varied feedback from various quarters. That being the case, i could not in all fairness pass a value judgment on the leadership. Objectivity demands that any decision on making changes will have to await a full objective review of their performance to date.

4) Do you support the budget?

A) Yes, I do support the budget. It is my firm belief that fiscal responsibility is a must for any organization. The changes in the High School schedule, cuts in aides, security etc. are tough for all involved. My daughter & her friends going to High School next year are already upset about having only one option for an elective, but i as a parent do my best to make them understand the overall climate of budget constraints that we are all working under.

5) What changes, if any, do you wish to make in the school system?

A) Our High School is already highly regarded in NJ for it's excellent Arts/Drama programs. Our High School Model UN delegation to Washington DC last week won best delegation among 30 participating high schools. I see in our school system Islands of excellence. One suggestion that i have made is in mitigating the impact of budget cuts. This is in regards to the possibility of canceling classes with less than 15 registered students. So far, in my conversation with Mr. Seto, AP courses and certain electives have fallen in this criteria. Rather than taking these courses away from our high achievers, i suggested that our administrative staff, at an appropriate level, proactively approach the surrounding school districts and look at giving "joint courses". All school districts are facing budgetary constrains and inter school district synergy can mitigate the impact and provide our students with the most options in these trying times.

One other issue that i would like to look into, given the feedback from my kids and their friends, is of having significantly stringent disciplinary standards.