

RE-ELECT

CHRIS GORMAN
FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE



VOTE
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**Responses to CATCH
Questionnaire to School Trustee Candidates**

1. If elected, what will you do to increase the number of child care spaces in our community?

This question falls outside the Board of Education's mandate and jurisdiction.

2. If elected, will you endorse (or advocate for) the \$10 a day childcare plan?

This question falls outside the Board of Education's mandate and jurisdiction.

3. If elected, what will you do to reduce rising vulnerability among young children in your community?

This question falls outside the Board of Education's mandate and jurisdiction.

4. If elected, will you endorse and/or advocate for a poverty reduction plan for BC?

This question falls outside the Board of Education's mandate and jurisdiction.

5. Many poor children come from working families. The municipal government has a responsibility to avoid contributing to the problem of low wage poverty. If elected will you commit to adopting a municipal bylaw requiring the municipality to pay a living wage to both its employees and contract staff?

This question falls outside the Board of Education's mandate and jurisdiction.

6. School and community centre fees remain a significant barrier to low-income families. If elected how will you ensure that children and families have equal access to school and community programs?

School activities should be available to students regardless of their family's capacity to pay additional fees. To ensure equity of access, the Central Okanagan School District has a financial hardship policy in place (Policy 425R: <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Section%204%20%20Students/425R.pdf>) that ensures that all students have access to educational programs that is administered in a respectful manner. I support without reservation this policy and maintaining it within our Policy Handbook.

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