

**Paul Guerra**

## **SISD Trustee District 4**

**As you read above is our statement of values for public education as the El Paso County Democratic Party. Do you agree with our statement, yes or no. If you do not, please explain.**["Yes"]

**Question 1: What motivated you to run for the school board, and what are your top priorities**

*I am running for reelection as a Socorro ISD Trustee because I am committed to advancing our district and ensuring that every student receives a high-quality education, regardless of their background. My passion and vision for SISD are limitless, and I am dedicated to making strategic investments in education that benefit our students, families, and community. Above all, I am a strong advocate for children and a steadfast Voice for Education, working to create opportunities that empower every student to succeed.*

**Question 2: How do you plan to address educational equity across schools in our district?**

*SISD already prioritizes educational equity through equal resource distribution, dual credit programs, academies, and early education opportunities.*

**Question 3: What is your vision for the role of public education in our community?**

*My vision for public education in our community is that it remains a strong, accessible, and high-quality foundation for every child, regardless of their background or circumstances. Public education should be a pathway to opportunity, equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and critical thinking necessary to succeed in a rapidly changing world. Schools should also serve as community hubs, fostering parental involvement, collaboration with local businesses, and enrichment opportunities that go beyond the classroom.*

**Question 4: What are your plans to ensure transparency and accountability in your work on the school board?**

*As a former educator with over 20 years of experience in sales and management, I bring a unique combination of educational insight and business acumen to the board. Currently serving as a trustee for Socorro ISD, I understand that the board's primary responsibilities are governance, oversight, and policy-setting to ensure the district operates efficiently and effectively.*

*Given the district's current financial challenges, I am committed to making informed, strategic decisions that prioritize student achievement while maintaining fiscal responsibility. My goal is to work collaboratively to address budget concerns, optimize resources, and advocate for policies that support both educational excellence and financial stability.*

**Question 5: What is your stance on charter schools and their impact on public schools?**

*Charter schools pose significant challenges to public education. They divert taxpayer funds away from traditional public schools, creating financial strain on districts already facing budget deficits. This redirection of resources can lead to larger class sizes, fewer programs, and reduced support services in public schools.*

*Additionally, many charter schools operate with less oversight, allowing uncertified teachers to lead classrooms and often failing to provide adequate services for English Language Learners (ELLs), special needs students, and other vulnerable populations. This selective enrollment process can leave traditional public schools responsible for the students who require the most support, further deepening inequities.*

**Did you attend public schools? ["Yes"]**

**If applicable: do your children - or did your children - attend public schools?**

["Yes"]

**Have you received any campaign contributions from charter school supporters such as CREED? ["No"]**

**Do you believe in Greg Abbott's Voucher Plan? ["No"]**