

## **Phillip “Shawn” Ollis**

### **SISD Board of Trustees, District 2**

**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**

*As a proud El Paso native, I'm running for the Socorro ISD Board of Trustees to ensure our students, educators, and families are supported by strong leadership and responsible decision-making. My top priorities are:*

*Supporting teachers and staff through retention efforts and professional development,*

*Maintaining financial responsibility and budget transparency,*

*Expanding educational opportunities such as career-readiness and dual-credit programs to help students thrive.*

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

*Equity begins with targeted investment. I will advocate for data-driven strategies to ensure all schools in SISD—regardless of zip code—have access to high-quality instruction, resources, technology, and support staff. I will work closely with school leaders, families, and the community to identify gaps and address them with transparent and equitable budgeting.*

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

*Public education is the foundation of opportunity and economic growth in our community. It's a place where students should be empowered to discover their potential, where teachers are respected and supported, and where families are engaged. My vision is for SISD to serve as a model district that prepares students not just for college, but for life.*

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

*I will prioritize open communication with the public, including town halls, community listening sessions, and timely updates on board decisions. I will advocate for publicly available financial reports and data dashboards to keep our community informed. Transparency builds trust—and that's essential to effective governance.*

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

*I believe public dollars should stay in public schools. While some families seek options, the expansion of charter schools often drains resources from traditional public schools, creating deeper inequities. I support strengthening SISD so that families choose to stay because of the quality, programs, and support available here.*

**Did you attend public schools? ["No"]**

**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 CREEED? ["No"]**

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