



Know Your School Board Candidates: Souderton Area School District

As you know, the **primaries are coming up on Tuesday May 16**. This year, school board elections are more important than ever. We stand with candidates who put kids first, commit to being transparent, and do not bring ideology or culture wars into the classroom.

Before you cast your vote, read the information we have about your candidates.

In Souderton School District, 5 seats are up for election and there are 10 candidates running. This year, almost all of the candidates are cross-filed as both Republican and Democrat, [which can make it harder to understand their platforms](#). We hope this email helps clarify where the candidates stand.

- Kristina Bertzos, Andrew Souchet, Rosemary Buetikofer, Scott Swindells, and Elise Bowers are running under the “Souderton for Responsible Leadership” platform.
 - [Read more about Souderton for Responsible Leadership here.](#)
 - This is the group’s description: “Souderton Area for Responsible Leadership is a nonpartisan group of residents, taxpayers, and parents committed to public education. We believe the school system is our most precious community asset and it must be preserved through responsible stewardship.”
 - You can also learn more about them [through this article](#) in the Bucks County Herald.
- Ken Keith, Nick Braccio, Kimberly Wheeler, Bill Formica, and Mike Barnacz are running under the “Keep Souderton Strong” platform.
 - [Read more about Keep Souderton Strong here.](#)
 - Their website is paid for by Indian Valley First, [who accepted donations from Back to School PA](#). Back to School PA is Paul Martino’s PAC [seeking to “stop the liberal left.”](#)
 - [None of these candidates responded](#) to the Bucks County Herald’s questions about their platforms.
 - They did respond to a [Souderton Independent survey](#), in which Bill Formica shared “I want to protect the rights of parents and protect your students from indoctrination.”

We hope this information helps you get to know the candidates better. The stakes could not be higher for our students. Thank you for putting kids first this election season.

Happy voting!
The Children First team