



Milford Council of PTAs
Board of Education “Meet the Candidates Forum”
Format

- ❖ Written questions were submitted by Milford’s PTA/Parent groups, in advance, and members of the public are invited to the forum.
- ❖ All questions were screened by a panel of the Milford Council of PTAs to assure the questions pertain to the role of a Board of Education member.
- ❖ Forum will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. The rules will be reviewed. Each candidate will be allowed one minute to introduce him/herself, give him/her background, etc. Moderator will read a brief statement from any candidate unable to attend. **25 min.**
- ❖ Questions will be asked by the moderator as follows:
 - ONE candidate from the Republican Party and ONE candidate from the Democratic Party will be randomly chosen from two separate “hats”.
 - A coin toss will determine which party will answer first or second – winner of the coin toss chooses preference.
 - A question will be randomly selected, from a third “hat”, and asked of the first candidate (determined by the coin toss). The same questions will then be asked of the other candidate.
 - The process will continue, alternating which party will answer each round of questions first, based on the original decision of the coin toss, until all candidates have had the chance to answer one question. **60 min.**
- ❖ Candidates will have two minutes to answer each question. One warning bell will ring when 15 seconds remain, two bells when time is up.
- ❖ There will be one final round of questions where each party will select ONE candidate to answer from each district (so the final round will consist of 5 questions/answers). Candidates will have 2 minutes to respond, which will include time spent conferring between the two candidates from the party (but only one candidate can actually answer). **30 min.**
- ❖ There will be **NO** verbal interaction between the audience and the candidates during the forum.
- ❖ **NO CAMPAIGN LITERATURE** is to be distributed. **NO BUTTONS** or campaign promotions are to be worn, etc. This forum is neutral territory for a sharing of philosophy, ideas and information, **NOT CAMPAIGNING.**
- ❖ Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. following a brief business meeting of the PTA Council.
End approximately 9:15