

Wilbur Turner has announced his candidacy for School Trustee with School District 23, representing the District of Lake Country and the RDCO East E.A. in the October 17 municipal election.

Turner believes every child deserves a strong public school system that sets them up to thrive, and that parents and community members deserve a trustee who listens, shows up, and advocates on their behalf.

"I'm running because I strongly believe that public education is a critical investment in our youth and our future as a community," said Turner. "I'm honoured to already have the support of Lake Country voters, and I'd be grateful to earn the support of many more between now and October 17."

"Too often, Lake Country hasn't had real competition in these elections for school trustee," said Turner. "Residents deserve a real choice, and I have the qualifications to fulfill the role's mandate and provide needed choice."

Turner brings extensive experience as a parent, student advocate, and public educator to his campaign. He has volunteered on two successful local school trustee election campaigns and has served as a guest lecturer at UBC Okanagan for the past 13 years. He holds an honorary Doctor of Laws from UBC Okanagan and a humanitarian award, both in recognition of his community contribution. Turner is the founder and president of a national charity and has served on multiple nonprofit boards in the Central Okanagan and beyond, including the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra and Okanagan Housing Cooperative. He has served on the Community Advisory Board for Homelessness in Kelowna for three years, was a member of the Kelowna Creates Cultural Plan Working Group and the Kelowna Community Safety Plan Project. He is a father of two and has two grandchildren.

Turner will be sharing more about his background and his priorities for public education throughout the campaign.

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