



East Whiteland Republican Committee

Vote for Steve Aylward, Region 2 GVSD School Board

Great Valley School District – Current Issues

9-0 Democrat Representation on the Current Board.

Regardless of your political views or social views, no functioning board or executive leadership team operates effectively without dissenting opinion. At present, the Great Valley School Board seats are occupied only by Democrats. This is unacceptable, especially when considering that our township remains at least 47% republican - based on the most recent congressional election. The current composition of the board is unbalanced, unhealthy, and wildly out of touch with its citizens.

Academic Performance

The 2024 Pennsylvania school district rankings report that GVSD has slipped to the 88th percentile in the State. Just 8 years ago, GVSD was in the 95th percentile. This is unacceptable given the township's booming population, significant tax base, and the presence of major employers such as Vanguard, Main Line Health, Oracle, and St. Gobain – each with deeply educated workforces who expect more for the children's education.

Written Policies that Promote the Exclusion of Informing Parents & Guardians

The District's policies (recently updated in February of 2024) state that "School personnel should not disclose information may reveal a student's transgender status or gender nonconforming presentation to others, including the student's parents/guardians.

Transgender Restroom Policy and Co-Ed Restrooms in 5/6 Building

The District's policies also include, "Students shall be allowed to use the restroom the corresponds to the gender identity they consistently assert." Given recent legal actions elsewhere in the country, this is a slippery slope that no school district should support. Other, more acceptable accommodation can be offered to those students in need without inconveniencing most of the students.

Additionally, most of the restroom facilities in the new 5/6 building are co-ed. This has presented health problems for some students who simply don't feel comfortable using a coed facility and thus would prefer to wait until they return home to go to the bathroom. This does not promote student health.

Expenditures and Tax Increases

As recently as 2022, the Board authorized payments for consulting services to support diversity, equity, and inclusion at the ridiculous rate of \$250/hour. Just last year, the Democrat run County Commissioners approved an increase to our property taxes by 13.5% Interesting, given the rate of inflation last year was 2.7% percent. Academic performance is declining yet our property taxes (that support our schools) are increasing far more than the rate of inflat