

Monica Riley  
Candidate – Position 7

I moved to Fort Bend County in 1976 as a child and attended the Willowridge feeder schools. I am a proud graduate of FBISD Willowridge HS. I returned to my hometown of Missouri City in 1995 where I became a homeowner in 2000.

My core belief, as a citizen, has been to live in a school district that has a reputation of valuing children's education and respecting tax payers' dollars. I remain involved as a parent in my children's education and has done so from the beginning to see this belief realized. I take a hands on approach in the lives of my children and for the betterment of my community. Over 20 years, I have served my community as an education activist and student advocate. My active involvement earned me the recognition as a community leader and lead organizer for more equity in education, stronger and sustainable school programs, and enhanced community partnerships.

With the support from my loving husband, Larry and our 7 daughters, I was fortunate to have volunteered throughout Fort Bend. I served as an active member and in executive leadership roles on multiple PTOs, PTAs and Booster Clubs at various campuses on the East and West side of FBISD. I helped these schools raise over \$100,000 combined, by spearheading fundraisers and increasing their membership participation. I have served (and continue to serve) as a committed member to multiple Campus Based Leadership Teams (CBLT) on the East and West side of FBISD. I was selected to serve on the original FBISD Facilities Master Planning in 2013-2014 as a Steering Committee Member. Recently, I served as a Steering Committee Member for Willowridge HS P-Tech Early College Program. As a champion for early literacy and full day Pre-K, I was sought after as a community leader to advise on innovative strategies for the Ridgemont Early Learning Center and Ridgemont Early Intervention Center.

in 2006 I joined the FBISD staff as a seasoned Parent Educator for 12.5 years. I worked with over 10,000 adults and guardians to provide a multitude of life skills classes that increased parental involvement in FBISD Title I campuses. I tailored their school programs based on their campuses' unique and diverse population and needs.

I resigned from my Parent Educator position to fulfill my divine purpose and respond to the call from the community for change! The community continues to suffer because of the lack of transparency and a need for accountability in the district. I am confident I can work collaboratively to increase the transparency and ensure accountability is achieved in our district for the best interest of all children and our communities. I will hold firm to ensure district leaders effectively resolve unaddressed disparities and achievement gaps, lack of effective community engagement and poorly handled school rebalancing in FBISD. These longstanding issues must be addressed by employing researched and evidence-based solutions, outcome measures and monitoring, and consistent evaluations, while valuing community input every step of the way!

I look forward to partnering to improve equity in education, to balance our district's budget, affect change through district policy, require better community engagement and to ensure we have transparency while moving FBISD forward.