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School Board Question 3: What are your thoughts on how the school closure planning process has been conducted so far, and if elected, what specific steps would you take to support families most heavily impacted by any closures, mergers or co-locations?

I commend the superintendent and school administration for their comprehensive effort to align resources for equity and excellence. However, **intentional involvement of students and incorporating their feedback would strengthen this initiative.**

In decisions about school closures, our primary focus must be on meeting educational outcomes and ensuring every student has access to critical resources—qualified teachers, instructional coaches, mental health support, and tutoring. Every decision must be aimed at **enhancing the student experience and ensuring excellence by providing fully supported, safe, accessible and nurturing classrooms.**

I will advocate for **neighborhood-based resource hubs and transparent communication with families** through regular updates and helplines for timely support. We must prioritize equity by identifying and addressing the needs of students and families impacted by transitions, meeting them where they are at, and ensuring they receive essential resources through coordinated care such as access to food, counseling, technology, and transportation. It is imperative that we collaborate with community organizations and government programs to remove barriers and deliver culturally and linguistically appropriate support, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed and thrive.