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Dear Mike,

I am not accepting any endo[r]sements or monetary contributions as I want my candidacy to be beholden to only one group and that is my constituency. Please know that with a 5th grader currently in the WJCC Public School system and a 1 year old to be someday in the system; I feel a strong sense of support to CONTINUE the positive direction that our superintendent, Gary Mathews, has created in the past few years. As you may or may not know, my feeling regarding the 1.9% guidance from JCC staff person[n]el is a ruse and should be considered fodder. It is not realistic for us to believe that we can sustain Mr. Mathews direction with a 1.9% increase in the education budget; it's ridiculous. I will support the school system with the same conviction I have given all of my directives thus far; the schools can depend on my strong support.

Regards,
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