



ELECT

MATT SZELER

SCHOOL TRUSTEE

My name is Matt Szeler and I am running for School Board Trustee. I am 74 years old, married with three children and we have six grandchildren. I had a 30-year Banking career and I have a Fellowship in Canadian Banking. After I retired from Banking, my wife Leslie and I served as missionaries in Haiti, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic.

I am currently employed part time as a shuttle driver for Steve Marshall Ford. I also serve on the Board of Nanaimo Lighthouse Ministries and on the Board of Freedom Defence Canada.

I am running for Trustee because I feel with my Banking and other life experiences I can contribute to the community by working with the Board of Trustees to give students the best education possible.

Some of the ways I plan to contribute are as follows:

- 1) ensure age appropriateness of the material being presented to students.
- 2) create policies in the school to protect parental rights.
- 3) increase parental involvement directly in the development of teaching material.
- 4) evaluate teaching material on basis of peer reviewed scientific research.
- 5) encourage trustees to focus on the areas of financial and academic performance.
- 6) research available school space in view of rapidly growing communities. i.e. closing schools and then replacing them with portables. Why are we making these decisions in view of increased needs?