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Serrone Hunter Files for Shawnee Mission Board of Education At-Large Position

Leawood, KS – May 22, 2017 - Increased transparency and serious debate of the critical issues facing the Shawnee Mission School District should be welcomed, according to the newest candidate seeking an at-large position on the Shawnee Mission Board of Education.

Mandi Serrone Hunter, a Shawnee Mission West alumna, attorney in private practice, mother of two children, a boy and girl attending Corinth Elementary, and wife of optometrist Brandon Hunter, of Hunter Family Vision (Prairie Village, Leawood) has been monitoring the SMSD board for more than a year, attending board meetings, and has seen the highs and lows of the current board.

"Superintendents come and go," says Ms. Hunter, "but we are at a critical juncture as a district. We need people on the board who will ask the tough questions, require data-based results, and not be wooed by charismatic speeches. We need a superintendent who will advocate for excellence for our schools, and a board which understands the complex requirements of the Kansas Constitution with regard to state and local funding."

"The board's support for the temporary block grant formula was short-sighted and ill-informed," she continued. "The board was advised and chose not to follow experts. To paraphrase Einstein, we cannot continue electing the same board members and expecting different results. The district, its teachers, patrons, and students, need a fresh set of eyes and ears."

Mandi Serrone Hunter is the daughter of longtime Lenexa City Councilman, Lou Serrone, and was raised in an environment of public service. She served on the Corinth Elementary Board of Directors, Membership Chair, as well as the Board of Directors for the Johnson County Library Foundation, and the Advisory Board for the Parkway Plaza Retail/Office Owners Association, Inc.

Professionally, Ms. Hunter has been recognized by the KC Business Journal as Best of the Bar, the MOKAN SuperLawyers, the Kansas City, Missouri Bar Association's 2006 Leadership Academy, and is a recognized speaker on the legal ramifications of social media. This is her first run for public office. Her filing sets up an August 1 primary election. The general election is November 7, 2017.

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