

Debbie Lammers response to questionnaire from the *Denver Post*

Please list the two or three most important issues facing education in your area:

Our district is facing the challenges of higher student performance expectations and critical funding concerns. Curriculum options will be key to student achievement, however, communication and accountability concerning these issues is vital. One critical component of the district's future will be to resolve the collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the St. Vrain Valley Education Association.

What is the key difference between you and your opponent?

My opponent and I have very different personal and professional backgrounds - my long experience supporting efforts to provide increased funding for our schools and working with many to provide accountability to taxpayers is the primary difference. My opponent is a relative newcomer to Colorado and has not had the exposure or worked with the many different groups and communities which make up our large and diverse district. I have been fortunate to have had those experiences and would like to continue my volunteer career and add that perspective to the school board's decision-making process.

What else should voters know about you (awards, endorsements, volunteer activities, etc.)?

Endorsements: I have been endorsed by all the print media in our area that have published SVVSD endorsements: the Longmont *Times-Call*, *Boulder Weekly*, *Yellowstone*, and the *Erie Review* as well as numerous district residents who are very active in our communities, including two former Longmont City Council members, one who was also a SVVSD board member.

Volunteer Activities/Awards: Niwot High School Education Foundation Board of Directors, 2005-present - President 2009-2010; SVVSD Community Bond Review Committee 2002-2009 - Chairman 2004-2009; Niwot Elementary and Sunset Middle School PTO boards 1997-2007; Left Hand Valley Courier Laurel (citizen of the month), June 2005; Niwot High School Boosters 2000-present; Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley Development Committee 2008-present.