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Everett School Board Incumbents Condemn Smear Campaigns

Families deserve proven leadership, not purchased influence.

Everett, WA — 08/21/25 — The three Everett School Board incumbents running to retain their positions — Anna Marie Jackson Laurence (Position 3), Roman Rewolinski (Position 1), and Jennifer Hirman (Position 2) — issued a joint statement today condemning the recent wave of political action committees (PACs) created and funded by the same family — a very wealthy, disgruntled family of a former student in the district — in an attempt to influence the outcome of this year's school board races.

“Everett's school board elections should be decided by voters — not by wealthy individuals creating political action committees to bankroll smear campaigns,” the incumbents said. “Already, one of us has been targeted with misleading attack ads, and with multiple PACs now filed, it is clear that all three of us are expected to face the same treatment before Election Day.”

Anna Marie Jackson Laurence, the first board member to be targeted, said the attacks are designed to distract voters from the real issues facing students and educators. *“These attacks are not about improving schools — they're about punishing board members,”* Laurence said. *“Leadership is measured by commitment to service above self, not by how much money you can spend on a campaign. We won't let intimidation undermine our responsibility to the district.”*

Roman Rewolinski, a board member and parent with children currently attending Everett Public Schools, said the PAC filings reveal a coordinated attempt to buy influence. *“The creation of multiple PACs makes it clear this isn't about one seat — it's an orchestrated effort to intimidate incumbents and purchase control of the board,”* Rewolinski said. *“But our schools are not for sale. As a father with kids in Everett schools, I see firsthand how board decisions affect families every single day. My commitment is rooted in both personal experience as a parent and my record of standing firm for students, teachers, and families. Everett deserves leaders who understand that responsibility in real life.”*

Jennifer Hirman emphasized that voters ultimately hold the power, not outside money. *“This election is about whether our community keeps leaders who put children first or allows wealthy individuals to drown out local voices with smear campaigns,”* Hirman said. *“The challengers may benefit from these attacks, but Everett families know better. They know our district is best served by experienced, steady leadership that works with parents and teachers — not outside agendas.”*

The incumbents closed their joint message with a call to unity:

“This November, we ask the community to stand with us — to reject smear tactics, reject money-driven politics, and send a clear message that Everett's schools belong to all of us. Our students, our families, and our future are too important to sell off to the highest bidder.”

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