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Thanks to our local community newspaper The Selkirk Record for allowing me to provide information regarding my candidacy for Trustee, Ward 5 in Selkirk. Local newspapers across the country are under pressure from changes to how people access and consume news, so I appreciate the commitment and professionalism demonstrated by their team!

So here is pretty much what was printed for your consideration:

My campaign website is **www.lz4lssd.org**.

Q: What do you believe is the most important issue facing your school division over the next four years, and what specific actions would you support to address it?

A: The most important issue facing LSSD is growing student need that current resources cannot adequately support. I support protecting inclusive programs, nutrition supports, and essential student services while recognizing that schools cannot meet every need alone. As a trustee, I would assess decisions through a balanced equity lens, considering impacts on teaching and support staff, families, ratepayers, the broader community and students, while advocating for sustainable provincial funding and clear, evidence-based educational priorities.

Q: School boards must balance educational priorities, student needs and available funding. How would you approach setting priorities and making financial decisions while ensuring students continue to receive quality education and support?

A: I would set priorities by protecting classroom learning, inclusive supports, and services with the greatest impact on students. Funding decisions evaluated for value derived, not simply spending volume. A dollar saved by reducing waste can strengthen the budget. Trustees owe the division measured, critical, and creative oversight. I would pursue efficiencies in necessary but low-value costs. Example: reducing WCB experience-rated premium costs through effective case management.

Q: Why are you seeking a position on the school board, and what skills, experience or perspective would you bring that would benefit students, families, staff and the broader community?

A: I am seeking a trustee position to contribute governance, operational, and risk-management expertise while respecting the professional judgment of educators on classroom and curriculum matters. My professional career spans private industry and education, with extensive experience in adult education, business, human resources, workplace safety, training, project and quality management. I will bring rigorous, evidence-based oversight to operational and support decisions, ensuring resources deliver clear value for staff, families, the community and students. In addition, please provide:

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A brief biography outlining my background, community involvement and any relevant experience.

Leonard Zdrill is a lifelong Selkirk resident and school safety professional with 17 years of experience in Manitoba's K-12 education system. A former Director of Enterprise Risk Management, he brings expertise in safety, operations, and governance, with a commitment to practical, fair, and accountable decision-making.