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Barb Anness Tops Fundraising in Bid for State House District 45

Rochester Community Schools Trustee Hauls in \$25,000 in Fourth Quarter of 2019

Rochester Hills, MI (February 3, 2020) -- Barb Anness, Rochester Community Schools Board of Education Trustee, a candidate for State House District #45, has released impressive fourth-quarter earnings, reflecting a lead in fundraising amongst her democrat and republican contenders.

"Friends of Barb Anness," hauled in \$25,000 in the last seven weeks of 2019, outraising challengers, who announced earlier and have been fundraising longer. Anness officially announced her candidacy on November 6, at a kickoff event at South Street Skate Shop in downtown Rochester. She's assembled a grassroots campaign with backing from local community members and beyond. Anness pledges accessible, responsive, and transparent leadership, championing the very best policies and initiatives for the 45th and Michigan.

Since her kickoff, Anness has focused on listening to residents and business owners to identify urgent and neglected community priorities, as well as what's working for the district through a series of Community Conversations at various coffee houses in the area.

"We're excited about our fundraising numbers, which reflect the enthusiastic response we have been getting," said Anness. "This is the start of a competitive race, and we are already encouraged by our community support," said Samantha Phillips, campaign team member.

Anness plans eight Community Conversations scheduled at various times to accommodate resident's schedules, the next one planned for Tuesday, February 4, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Starbucks, at 6950 N Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48306. For more information or to support the campaign, see www.barbanness. ####

ABOUT BARBARA ANNESS

Barb Anness-serves as Trustee for Rochester Community Schools Board of Education and Board Representative to the Oakland County School Board Association Government Affairs Committee. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Graphic Design, graduating cum laude from the College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning at the University of Cincinnati. Barb is a member of the Rochester Regional Chamber, a graphic designer, and small business owner, who has volunteered her time and professional talent to many Rochester area organizations, including Meals on Wheels. She served on the Citizens Committee for Rochester Community Schools that successfully advocated for the passage of the 2014 Millage Renewal and the 2015 Bond Proposal. She is also ~~currently~~ serving as the Federal Legislative Chair for the Michigan Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and is a past member of their Board of Directors. Barb is also a proud member of the Women Official's Network and the League of Women Voters Oakland Area.
