

Candidate Statement for Voters' Pamphlet

Required Information

Candidate Name: **Heath Curry**

Total maximum of 325 hand counted typewritten words/numbers for the combined 'Required' and 'Optional Information', excluding the bold headings already printed on this form. All sections of the 'Required Information' must be completed. If there is not relevant information for a required section, the word "None" should be inserted.

Occupation (present paid or unpaid employment):
Paralegal

Occupational Background (any previous paid or unpaid employment):
Paralegal

Educational Background (relevant school(s) attended):

Name of School	Educational Study - Major/Minor	Diploma/Degree/Certificate
Pennsylvania State University	Public Policy	MA

Prior Governmental Experience (elected or appointed):
Chair Centennial School Board
PCP Precinct 4704

Optional Information

Attach a separate sheet with your 'Optional Information'. **Remember: both your 'Required' and 'Optional Information' count toward the 325 word limit** (excluding required information headings).

Candidate checklist for 'JCVP-01 Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Candidate Statement' information:

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'Required Information':

- Occupation
- Occupational Background
- Educational Background
- Prior Governmental Experience

(Optional) 'Optional Information'

(Optional) Portrait

(If applicable) JCVP-02 Endorsement Statement #: _____

Fee/Petition Provided

Word Count (325 words/numbers MAX)

My Name is Heath Curry, I am a paralegal, father of three, including an adult son with special needs. I have worked in juvenile defense as a paralegal and worked as an advocate for children's rights for decades.

I was Chair of the Centennial School Board from 2001 until 2002, when I had to resign to care for my son with cerebral palsy, full time. As Chair, I led the board through the implementation of our bond projects and oversaw the board through the worst year of the Covid pandemic. Under my leadership and our board member's wisdom, our district not only salvaged our already meek budget, but were able to utilize federal and state dollars to eventually keep us afloat with a small surplus, while other districts were in the red.

As well, while surrounding districts struggled to navigate teacher and qualified staff contract negotiations, due to my strong belief in ALL stake holders having a say, and cultivating strong relationships with both unions, we were able to keep contract negotiations on track. This was a hallmark of my term as Chair; to turn back the tide on the secrecy and sometimes unethical decision making of the former board, and open the board up to all stake holders, in full view of the public. I had the endorsement of BOTH teacher and staff unions and was elected with 90% of the vote and voted in as board Chair within 3 months of my election to the board.

I believe that in these uncertain times, district leadership requires strong moral, and ethical values, an ear towards all voices and stake holders, and the ability to lead as one among equals. I have proven those qualities and am asking for your vote once again to continue to serve the Centennial community.