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## District 8 School Board Candidate Susan Evans on the Importance of Parental Choice, School Stability, and Listening to Families

Apex, NC—October 7, 2011—District 8 School Board candidate Susan Evans released the following statement:

"I have spent countless hours in District 8 homes and neighborhoods listening to families' concerns about their schools. I have learned a great deal from them, including their frustration with frequent reassignments, their feelings of not being listened to by the School Board, and their desire to have more control over their children's education. My position on these issues is crystal clear:

- I am strongly in favor of school stability; once a child starts at a school, that child will be able to finish at the same school.
- I am strongly in favor of maximizing parent's choices about where to send their children to school.
- I am strongly in favor of increasing parents' ability to choose schools that are close to home, if they believe that is best for their child.
- I am strongly in favor of schools that make the most efficient use of our facilities and our resources, helping to keep our taxes low and property values strong.

I am running for the school board because people in my district want a board that actually listens to people, and school leaders who bring the community together, not a divisive, political approach. They want their board representative to focus on practical solutions to improve schools, not political attacks. Above all, families in District 8 want a real leader who can represent them with decency, integrity, and respect.

Voters in District 8 next Tuesday can send a powerful message: that students come first, and that politics comes last. By doing so, they can reclaim their schools' future and get all our schools back on track towards excellence."

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## **About Susan Evans:**

Susan Evans, a 30+ year Wake County resident, public school advocate, parent and business person, is running for election to the Wake County Board of Education in District 8 (Apex, Holly Springs, Fuquay-Varina, Cary). A public school graduate herself, Susan received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from UNC-Chapel Hill. Susan will offer strong leadership, with better planning for the future and a commitment to excellence for all students. For more information, please visit: *www.evansforwake.com*