



**Candidate Name:** Neena Biswas

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**Tell us a little about yourself and why you've decided to run for a school board position:**

I am a board certified physician with multiple specialties, with extensive experience with health systems here and abroad. In addition, I founded a technology firm which has become global in a short timeframe. I have been awarded for my leadership roles. I believe in strong education, promoting safety and healthcare for our students and educators, fostering diversity and inclusion. My focus would be to promote STEM education, women's empowerment as well as more opportunities for our students to shine in society.

**What unique qualities would you bring to the school board?**

My experience in healthcare as a physician, and in technology, as a global entrepreneur and leader, has equipped me with varied perspectives. Working with different cultures and initiatives, has given me the understanding and empathy to positively impact lives. I wish to give back to the school board and the community to help to continue with the current board's initiative as well as any new initiatives.

**How have you been involved with Coppell ISD prior to running for school board?**

I have been actively involved with CISD for several years, as my children attend school here. I participate extensively in their activities (Band, Choir, Sports), parent-teacher meetings as well as the school board meetings. I have been closely following the CISD initiatives and all the positive work/ changes that have been made.

**What do you see as the biggest challenges for the district in the next five years?**

The pandemic has changed a lot in terms of challenges. There will need to be a renewed focus on health and safety of children, educators, employees of the school system in future years. Perhaps this pandemic, has pushed us to become more knowledgeable about the health of our kids. Also technology and remote learning will play a big role. We should continue to focus on getting the best educators and keeping our kids engaged in the most positive way. Mental health will also be a big part that we will need to pay attention to.

## **How important is serving the needs of gifted learners in Coppell ISD? Why?**

Gifted learners are fortunate to have organizations such as CGA to champion their causes and needs. CISD, as a whole, has promoted needs of learners, wherever they are on the learning curve. Our kids are hard-working and special thanks go out to their parents as well to stay actively involved. We must ensure that our learners get the proper opportunities and have access to this.

## **How does Coppell ISD currently serve gifted learners and how does that compare to other districts?**

CISD has done an excellent job catering to all learners. They provide varied curricula, sports, music, as well as arts for kids to excel in whichever field they choose. Gifted learners are given ways to improve and accelerate their learning, as well as testing through CBE and other channels, used annually through the CISD. I believe gifted learners are indeed fortunate to be in CISD, where they have ways to keep their pace and learning staying in a regular school system.