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Denver Public Schools at Large Candidate ends campaign and endorses John Youngquist, Kimberly Sia & Marlene De La Rosa

[Denver, September 29, 2023] - Candidate for DPS Board of Education at Large, Paul Ballenger, has ended his campaign and is placing his support behind John Youngquist (At Large), Kimberly Sia (District 1), and Marlene De La Rosa (District 5) for the three board seats up for election November 7th, 2023.

“Running for the school board has been a true honor, and I am grateful for the opportunity and experience. As a business and military organizational leader, and as a DPS parent, I feel it is critical we have strong, collaborative, and pragmatic leaders on our board that represent all students across our district. Safety and educational outcomes for our students are critical to individual and community success. There are a lot of hurdles facing our district, and we must address these with effective leaders and an involved and supportive community.”

“I want to thank my family, friends, community, and my campaign team for the tremendous hard work and support over the past four months. Running a campaign like this all the way to the finish line requires tremendous financial resources and support, and we simply fell a little short in this area. Despite being a small, parent-driven grassroots campaign, we had an important impact in this election, and I am most proud that we helped make school safety the most critical campaign issue this year. I will continue to stay engaged in improving education and safety in our community both with organizations I am already working with, as well as exploring future opportunities that afford me the ability to have a positive impact within our community. I have dedicated much of my life to public and community service and will continue to do so in the future.”

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