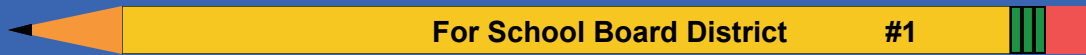


Jim Miller



"Let's Get Down to Business"

We are in the worst economic crisis of our time – and I think the best time to effect positive change in the system to help all kids achieve. During the boom years the system was fat, like we all were. With the recession, the system was forced to make unprecedented cuts, with more on the way. Tallahassee doesn't have the money, even if they wanted to give it to us.

Adversity is the best way to find new and better ways to do things and better yet – to stop doing things the way we have always done them. We can use "We can't do it that way any more, because we don't have the money" as a club for positive change.

The Feds – "Race to the Top" and the State – Senate Bill 6 are trying to shake things up. One thing we learned during our years with WorldClass is that "Top down" reform almost never works. Lake County's Teacher's Union, since back in the AFT days, has always been on the cutting edge with the Effective Teaching Center, etc. Many of their members are WorldClass Champions. I know that they will accept the challenge to help design a system that works for teachers, but more importantly, works for the kids of Lake County.

If you want to redesign the system for the betterment of kids, it is the perfect time to become a school board member.

Currently, there is no one with a strong business background on our school board; I bring a strong business background to the biggest business in Lake County. I have learned from my son being paralyzed and my cancer diagnosis, that every obstacle or crisis presents new opportunities. Bill is doing great and I have never been healthier – absolutely no sign of cancer. I don't have all the answers, but with my approach and experience, I will help teachers and staff find the answers.

I have toured all of our high schools. I see no reason why they can't be A & B rated, instead of C & D. Not only will our kids benefit, but it will be a huge plus for the economic future of Lake County.

This will be a personal mission of mine.

Jim Miller
Candidate for School Board District 1
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PRESS RELEASE: Miller to Run for School Board Seat

November 20, 2009
Lake County, Florida

Jim Miller, 61, a commercial realtor, filed to run for School Board District 1 Seat. The seat is currently held by Larry Metz, who is running for Florida House of Representatives District 25. Miller has long been a Champion of Public Education. He founded and served as Executive Director of WorldClass Lake County* -- a Florida Chamber of Commerce led school reform movement.

"My business background will help me work with fellow Board Members, our Superintendent and Staff to direct the school district's limited resources to the classroom. Our kids are the future of our country. I am all about helping our kids succeed in life," said Miller. . . evidenced by his impressive résumé of volunteerism for kids.

Jim Miller's résumé of volunteerism for kids:

- Board Member 15 years Educational Foundation of Lake County
- 8 year Mentor for Take Stock in Children
- Introduced "Character Counts" program in Lake County; it's still being used by Fruitland Park and the Villages elementary schools
- Initiated (1st 5 years) "Jacket Sting" grade incentive program at Leesburg H.S.
- Junior Achievement 3 years
- Leesburg High School Athletic Booster Club – President 89/90 & 90/91
- Leesburg High School Citizen's Advisory Committee 10 years
- Lake County Citizen's Advisory Committee 2 years
- Youth soccer and baseball coach, City of Leesburg's Recreation Department for 27 years
- Boys & Girls Club of Lake & Sumter Counties "Man of the Year" 1997
- League of Cities Inaugural Community Service Award – Sports/Recreation 1998
- Graduate of Leadership Lake County – Inaugural Class of 1991
- Board member of Leadership Lake County Alumni Association
- Active Rotarian & Kiwanian – past Civitan

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*WorldClass was a Florida Chamber initiated school reform movement in the late 1990s. Jim Miller founded and was executive director of WorldClass Lake County. Champions spent 2 days learning best practices from superintendents, principals and teachers from all over the country. While not a political organization, many champions have been involved in shaping our school system such as: Former School Board Members Gerald Smith, Scott Strong, Dennis Reid & Becky Elswick.

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