



KATY ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION 2025 VOTER'S GUIDE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

- (1) Your full name: James Cross
- (2) Spouse's name (if applicable): Mitzi Cross
- (3) Child(ren) name(s) and age(s) (if applicable): Sarah (Katy ISD Teacher), Laura (Studying to become a special education teacher) – both Katy ISD graduates, and two grandchildren currently attending Katy ISD schools
- (4) Occupation/employer: Retired Katy ISD Principal – Beck Junior High 2005-2009 and Cinco Ranch High School 2009-2022 with over 3,200 students and 300 staff. Current: Executive Director, Southeast Texas Education Coalition
- (5) Subdivision/area (if applicable): Cinco Ranch
- (6) Years lived within Katy ISD: 20 years
- (7) Community organizations in which you participate (if applicable) (*850-character count maximum*): Church volunteer, Ballard House, Feed the Hunger, Katy Youth Basketball, YMCA Volleyball coach, Grand Lakes Swim Team volunteer
- (8) Describe your involvement in Katy ISD (i.e., PTA/PTO, district-level committees, volunteering) (*850-character count maximum*): Katy Education Foundation investor, Katy Area Retired Educators (KARE), Katy ISD KEYS Mentoring Program, Katy ISD Cinco Ranch PTA Lunch with the Principal, "Cougar Challenge" school-wide culture building program, Bond Committee member, Katy ISD Read, Deed, Run. Awards: Texas PTA Secondary Principal of the Year, Texas Journalism Educators Association Principal of the Year, Texas Agricultural Teachers Association Principal of the Year. Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) member. Twenty years of supporting Katy ISD student programs, activities, and competitions.
- (9) Education: B.A. History Texas Tech University, M.Ed. Educational Leadership Texas Tech University, Continuing Education Credits within and outside Katy ISD