

As a former American History teacher, I am highly passionate about citizenship transmission which is the modeling or demonstration of what it means to be a contributing member of our society. Sadly, the perception exists that public educators are apathetic with regards to exercising their precious right to vote, and unfortunately this perception is reality.

With a primary coming in May and a fall election in November, I charged our principals with encouraging teammates at the school level to study the issues, question the candidates about their platform, and exercise their right to vote. At no time was there intent to advocate for or against candidates in any political contest. Personally, I find it exciting and encouraging that we have eight candidates seeking three positions on our local JCPS Board of Education. This is validation of the great things happening in our public school system and the desire for folks to be a part of our journey.

I appreciate Chris Germanoski as the lead learner at Selma Middle school and support him. Chris did not willfully violate any policy issued by our JCPS Board of Education in encouraging people to exercise their right to vote.

I do not care who you vote for but do hope you all will exercise this most invaluable right.