

# ★ SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 6 ★

This race is to represent a district with the highest number of schools in the city: Banksville K-5, Beechwood PreK-5, Brashear High School, Brookline PreK-8, Carmalt PreK-8, Pioneer Education Center, South Brook 6-8, South Hills 6-8, West Liberty K-5 and Whittier K-5. Candidates include Moira Kalieda, Tracy Link and Samuel Hurst, but Hurst has been largely quiet throughout the election season and did not respond to several requests for comment.

{COMPILED BY REBECCA NUTTALL}

<b>CANDIDATE</b>	 <p><b>MOIRA KALIEDA</b></p>	 <p><b>TRACY LINK</b></p>
<b>BIOGRAPHY</b>	<p>A stay-at-home mother of two, Kalieda has a degree in secondary social studies and citizenship education from Penn State. She also serves on the boards of directors of the International Cesarean Awareness Network and Brew on Broadway, a nonprofit coffee house.</p>	<p>A mother of four, Link has served as a parent-volunteer at many district schools. At South Hills Middle School, she helped run a character-building program, and at Brashear, she helped create a program that paired 11<sup>th</sup>-grade mentors with incoming eighth-graders.</p>
<b>FUNDING</b>	<p>Would like to see the return of charter-school reimbursement from the state. Believes schools that need the most funding should receive it.</p>	<p>Would increase the district's revenue by soliciting donations from corporations in exchange for tax credits.</p>
<b>TEACHING</b>	<p>Says teacher evaluations should be used only for professional growth, and that hiring/firing decisions should be based on seniority, not evaluations. Would eliminate student evaluations from evaluation scores. Advocates hiring school social workers to support teachers.</p>	<p>Believes teachers should make a five-year commitment to schools to increase stability. Is supportive of pay and career-advancement incentives for teachers. Supports the teacher-evaluation system but would consult teachers union on changes to teacher hiring/firing practices.</p>
<b>ACHIEVEMENT</b>	<p>Says community schools would lead to increased achievement by putting necessary support services in schools to benefit students and families who require extra supports.</p>	<p>Says the voice of parents is missing from education, and that more parent involvement is necessary to increase student achievement.</p>
<b>FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS</b>	<p>Endorsed by the Allegheny County Democratic Committee and the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers</p>	<p>No endorsements</p>