

Executive Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
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Dear Governor DeSantis,

My name is Dr. Fred Lowry. I am currently a Volusia County Councilman serving my second term and will be termed out December 31, 2022. I have also been a Baptist pastor in Deltona for 30 years now. I am also a life-long conservative Republican.

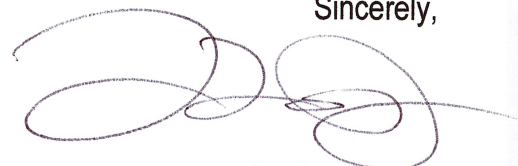
I was approached by many conservatives, including Paul Deering of the Republican Executive Committee of Volusia County, in early January and was asked to run for the Volusia County School Board District 5 (Deltona, Orange City). I will be running against a Democrat incumbent, Rueben Colon, that voted for a mask mandate and stands diametrically opposed to your efforts in the Florida Education System. I am the only Republican candidate.

I am a former High School Math, Physics Teacher and Principal. I thought and prayed about this. My wife and I feel led that I should run. So, I filed my paperwork January 10th. I agree with and support everything you and your staff are trying to do in education to turn that ship around. Shawn Foster has been helping me and used my church for School Board Candidate Seminar. Furthermore, I have met with House Speaker-Elect Paul Renner and he indicated that I have his support in this matter. I also have met with Senator Joe Gruters who spoke favorably in regard to support as well. Finally, I have also met with Congressman Byron Donalds and hope to have his endorsement this coming weekend at the Show Vets Respect event over here that we will be attending together.

In filing my paperwork it has come to my attention that the serving terms of the Volusia County Council and the Volusia School Board do not coincide. It is therefore necessary for me to submit a **RESIGN TO RUN** letter to you before June 3. According to the School Board Calendar the swearing in for school board members takes place November 15th at 9:00 A.M. So, my resignation, win or lose (I am 3-0 and don't plan to lose!) needs to be effective at this given date and time of the swearing in.

Thank you for all you are doing for our kids and parents and I am in total support. I hope to win and carry out your's and the legislature's directions. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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