



airick leonard west

kansas citizens united for educational achievement

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Kansas Citizens United for Educational Achievement (KCU4EA), the movement to unify Kansas Citizens around our school district and to elect Airick Leonard West to an at-large school board seat, has just enjoyed another victory. Long time community leader and youth advocate Rita Valenciano was quietly campaigning for the at-large school board seat as well but has chosen to forgo her own campaign in favor of joining KCU4EA's unity campaign.

"Airick and I have worked together in the community and have a great respect for one another. We are good friends so it only made sense for us to share our strength," says Valenciano, president of the Coalition of Hispanic Organizations. "I'm excited about what we can accomplish together."

Valenciano and West believe that when Kansas Citizens are united for educational achievement, we will transform the Kansas City, Missouri school district into a district of choice that works for all of our students. The KCU4EA platform includes specific policies aimed at increasing educational achievement through focused partnerships with leaders throughout the region. "We both see a unified path to schools of choice that work for all students and that serve as the backbone for communities of choice that work for all families. Unity is not about everyone agreeing. Rita and I don't agree on everything. But we do agree that educational achievement is a journey worth pursuing. And we agree that the only way forward is together."

For more information regarding west and his campaign, please visit the official campaign website, www.kcu4ea.org.

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