

The Bensalem School District Is Better Off Now Than In 2005!

THEN: All nine members of the Board belonged to the Bensalem Republican Party, taking direction from their leaders.

NOW: The Board is still controlled by Republicans, but the Democrat minority provides diversity, independence, rational thinking, integrity, and fiscal responsibility.

THEN: The School Board ignored concerns from the community when making decisions—like school closings and movement of grades among schools. They did not plan properly or monitor the results of their decisions.

NOW: We have ensured that significant changes like boundary realignment receive full discussion and analysis BEFORE they are enacted. We will approve only curriculums that meet the needs of ALL students. We will explore numerous strategies to fix the problems of poor test results.

THEN: The School Board communicated poorly with parents, school officials, and the community.

NOW: We will continue to conduct open board meetings, giving the community an honest opportunity to discuss problems and to resolve them together.

THEN: The School Board refused to offer the option of full-day kindergarten.

NOW: We still believe that full-day kindergarten will prepare young children for their learning experiences in Bensalem AND help reduce the need for future remediation.

THEN: The all Republican School Board made secretive decisions in hiring personnel, often at the expense of the taxpayer and students.

NOW: We openly discuss the rationale behind our hiring decisions. We place emphasis on hiring QUALIFIED and COMPETENT staff and administrators.