

Isaac Faz (DISD District 7)

Faz is a life-long resident of Oak Cliff and a DISD graduate. His career has taken him from Austin to Washington DC and back to Oak Cliff with the goal of being an advocate for DISD students and families.



Overall Score		B+
Critical Trait	Description	Grade
Experience	Does the candidate have a history of successful experience with related problem solving? Does the candidate bring a valuable perspective to the Board?	B+
Board Governance	Does the candidate appreciate the distinction between setting policy for administration vs. micromanaging administration? Is the candidate clearly anchored by an awareness of the challenges facing DISD?	B
Independence	Will student achievement unequivocally drive the candidate's decision making, or will non-student factors play a disproportionate role in the candidate's decision making?	B
Urgency	Does the candidate approach Dallas ISD's student achievement challenges with a sense of urgency? Does the candidate have a tangible action plan for improving DISD performance?	B
Community Awareness	Does the candidate understand the Board's job relative to the work of others and know the tools at the Board's disposal? Does/will the candidate actively and meaningfully learn and share information with the community to improve DISD performance?	B+
Knowledge	Does the candidate fundamentally understand Dallas ISD's student achievement challenges? Is candidate knowledgeable about potential solutions and related arguments? Is the candidate well-informed about school governance issues?	B+

Strengths	Concerns
Knowledge. Faz has a sound knowledge of community challenges and struggles by students and parents in DISD. He is a lifelong resident of Oak Cliff, having attended DISD schools K thru 12. Faz stated, "I am a proud product of DISD." Faz is bilingual, has a deep history within and commitment to District 7. The DKF panel felt he has a strong understanding of the challenges DISD student face in and out of the classroom.	DKF panel would like to hear more from Faz on future policy-making plans related to specific positions on current problems faced by DISD.
Experience. Faz works as an Associate Vice Chancellor of Public and Governmental Affairs for Dallas County Community College frequently advocates for the DCCCD in Austin, making him familiar with policy-setting. Faz has nieces, nephews and cousins who are current students in DISD schools.	
History of involvement. Faz was a co-chair of the Future Facilities Task Force for DISD, giving him an inside view of DISD facility needs. Faz was also a fellow in LeadershipISD. Faz, after working in Austin and Washington DC and in numerous other high profile legal environments, has chosen to return to Oak Cliff in order to give-back to the DISD community through his leadership efforts.	
Urgency. Faz expressed a strong commitment to the 31 schools in District 7.	

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