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Jessica Winters Announces Candidacy

Jessica Winters announced today that she is running for student body president. In her announcement speech, Winters stated, “I want to help the student body make its mark on this great middle school. Students have a lot to offer the school, but because they are *just* students in the school, they are often overlooked. As student body president I will work with my fellow classmates to help improve our school and encourage positive relationships among the classes. I will also work to bring about an environment of cooperation and mutual respect among the grades.”

Winters has been responsible for a number of student activities. She has organized an international food club which she says was, “a great way to learn about other cultures in an entertaining way. Eating the food afterwards was also a lot of fun.” She also arranged for a number of local bands to play at a fund raising event for the school marching band. Not stopping there, Winters also worked to get a better variety of healthy beverages stocked into the school vending machines.

Though Winters can claim a strong appeal for many students at Peterson Middle School, not everyone is thrilled with her as a candidate. One eighth grader we interviewed said, “She’s a nice enough person, but she spends too much time arranging social types of activities. We need someone who will work on the real problems we have here. We need to shorten the school day and get better food in the cafeteria. We need to have more sports equipment. Someone should also lobby the student government to give us more privileges than are currently available. It was nice that she raised money for the band, but that wasn’t nearly as important as getting computers for the lab. I think that her priorities may not be the same as most of the class.”

Another student voices similar concerns, “Jessica likes to be in the thick of things, but sometimes she loses track of what is really important. Food clubs are nice, band uniforms look good, but what we really need are new computers for the computer lab and for our classrooms. If we’re going to raise money, we should be doing it for things that will help us in school. We’re getting ready for high school; we need to be serious about our work.”

Winters is the last candidate to file for student body president. When asked why she waited so long, Winters replied, “The deadline isn’t until tomorrow. I wanted to do some polling before announcing my candidacy. I wanted to be sure that enough of my fellow students would be interested in supporting me. I didn’t want to run if there weren’t enough people who thought I could make a difference on campus. There is no point in running for office if no one is interested in having you there.”

This article is the first in a series of four pieces covering the candidates in the election for student body president at Peterson Middle School. Next week we will profile candidate Tim Miller.



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Which of these would **best** address the many different interests of the student body?

- A. Limit social activities to twice a year because it would allow more time to focus on sports.
- B. Earmark monies from fundraisers to go to all the middle school grades because it would be a fair way to share the funds.
- C. Work with the school administration to get more sports equipment for the gym because this would benefit the school teams.
- D. Replace all the sugared sodas in the vending machines with a wide variety of healthy drinks because it would give the students a lot of choices.

CSO: RLA.O. RLA.8.1.09 – DOK: 2

Students will summarize explicit and implied information from literary and informational texts to recognize the relationships among the facts, ideas, events and concepts (e.g., names, dates, events, organizational patterns, graphical representations as found in photographs, captions, maps, tables or timelines, textual features including table of contents, headings or side bars).

Rationale:

A: This would not address the students who like opportunities to socialize or those who want to spend more time studying.

B: Correct Response: This is the correct answer because it would benefit all students.

C: This would benefit only those students who are interested in sports.

D: This would not address the students who like sugared sodas.



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Read the following excerpt from “Jessica Winters Announces Candidacy.”

Winters stated, “I want to help the student body make its mark on this great middle school. Students have a lot to offer the school, but because they are *just* students in the school, they are often overlooked. As student body president I will work with my fellow classmates to help improve our school and encourage positive relationships among the classes. I will also work to bring about an environment of cooperation and mutual respect among the grades.”

This is an example of

- A. persuasive language because Jessica wants to convince the students that she will be a good student body president.
- B. analogies because she is describing how she will accomplish these actions by giving examples of what she will do.
- C. irony because Jessica is telling the audience what they want to hear so she will be elected, not what she really will do when she is elected.
- D. satire because Jessica is making fun of the school. She doesn't really think the school is great, nor does she think the different grades will ever get along.

CSO: RLA.O.8.1.12 – DOK: 3

Students will identify literary technique used to interpret literature: irony, satire, persuasive, language, analogies.

Rationale:

A: Correct Response: Jessica is trying to persuade the audience to vote for her.

B: There is no evidence of the use of analogies, which would use examples of actions with which students are familiar to explain actions with which they are not familiar.

C: There is no evidence that Jessica does not want to do the things she says she will do for the school.

D: There is no evidence that Jessica is not sincere.