There are some untruths published in this years Shenandoah County Fair catalog and I wish to clear those up.

My opponent states that "Josh supported the movement to erase the names of Stonewall Jackson High School and Ashby Lee Elementary School." This statement could not be any further from the truth. As a life-long county resident, I am proud of the history contained here in our beautiful valley. I was, and still am, distraught over the name changes. I'm even more distraught over the swiftness with which it occurred and the lack of transparency.

One of my Board colleagues specifically used the word "ploy" in a budget work session regarding funding our public schools at the state minimum of $20MM. This is when I realized our schools' budget was going to be politicized in a way that could be harmful to our students and teachers. Regardless of my concern regarding the process initiated by the School Board in their decision, would it be right for me jeopardize the programs and activities that we love and want to have for our students? Would it be right for me to jeopardize my opponent's career as a soccer coach? Would it be right for me to add extra burden on working residents taking their children to school when buses can-not run in order to pick them up? When is revenge a productive alternative to the dismay the residents felt all over the county with this decision?

While we are on the school budget, based on the Document "Guidance on Maintenance of Effort Requirements and Waiver Requests under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund and the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund", how does a State qualify the amount of its support for elementary and secondary education? This document states:

"In quantifying its support for elementary and secondary education, the data used by a State to determine the level of support must –

- Include funds provided through the primary funding mechanisms through which a State provides support for elementary and secondary education
- Be consistent from year to year
- Be based on adequate documentation"

Is a $12MM dollar cut consistent? Level funding the schools represented an over $2.6MM dollar cut alone compared to what the school system was requesting. The funds on ESSER are earmarked for things like infrastructure improvements to our aging school buildings. Ensuring that these funds can be received reduces the need for local money in order to make many of these costly upgrades and improvements, thus, lessening the local tax burden of our county citizens.

My neighbors know for a fact that I gave zero support to a movement in changing the names of our schools. Again, my opponent wishes to spread false-hoods about an individual he does not even know; however, I would like to share something I know about him. On April 24th, before casting a ballot in the Republican primary, Mr. Kwiatkowski signed his name to a pledge stating "I affirm with my signature and the casting of a ballot in this Party Canvass, that I agree with the principles of the Republican Party and pledge to support in the upcoming General Election, all Republican Party nominees for public office, including Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, House Delegate, and District Supervisor." Do we need someone in leadership within our county who has no regard to follow through on a signed commitment? Shenandoah County deserves better.

I have a sincere passion to serve Shenandoah County and my neighbors. This is evident through my current and past involvement within my community.

The type of leadership we need it the type of leadership I have shown. Someone who is fiscally conservative enough to vote against increasing residents' taxes. An individual with enough sense to temper his emotions to make level-headed, even-keeled, common-sense decisions.

As your neighbor, I value your support and your vote. I vow to continue holding your best interests at heart to continue keeping Shenandoah County a great place to live, work, worship, learn, and raise a family.

In service,

Josh