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Democrat Christopher D. Mano, Announces Candidacy for Wallingford-Swarthmore School Board

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[Wallingford, PA] – Today, Christopher D. Mano, an educator and non-profit founder, unofficially announced his candidacy for school board in the upcoming 2025 Pennsylvania school board elections. Mano, 26, is originally from South Philadelphia. A member of Generation Z, he has a clear vision for the future and a deep commitment to the values of Wallingford-Swarthmore School District. Mano aims to bring bold, actionable change to address the challenges facing students, teachers, and administrators.

"I'm running for school board because I know we have to level the playing field for many in Pennsylvania and our district," says Mano. "Our community deserves strong leadership that listens, acts, and fights for what matters most. We need to help our schools. I am committed to creating a future where everyone has an opportunity to succeed."

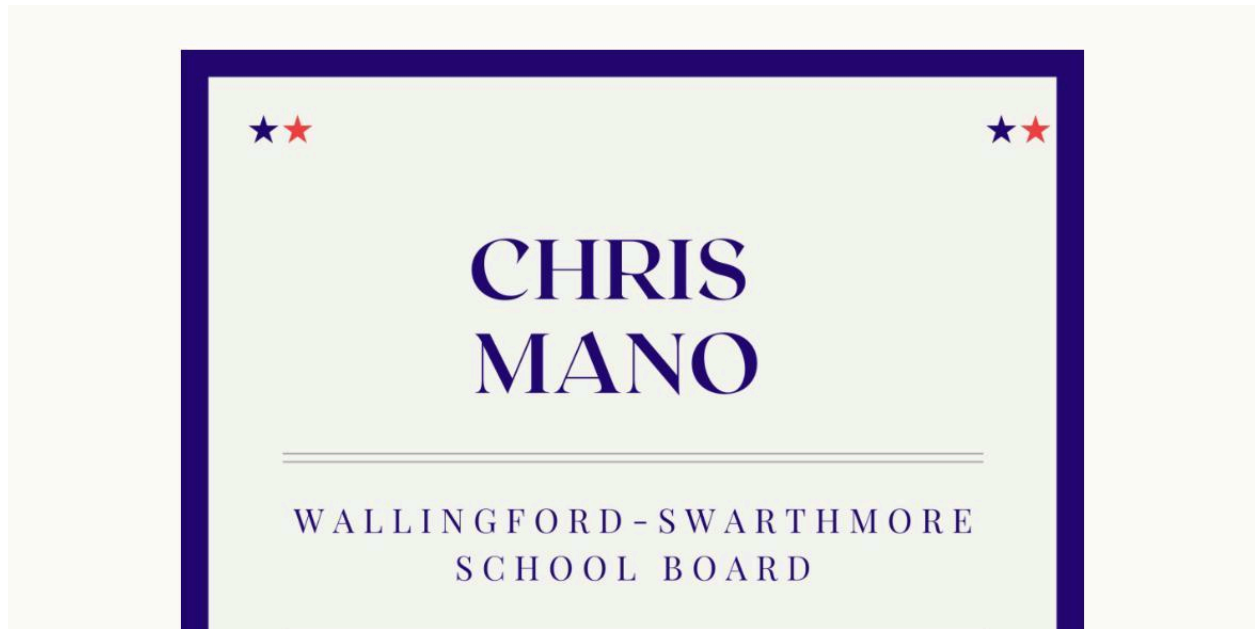
Mano brings over 3 years of experience as an educator, having a broad background in the non-profit sector and in various community and volunteer pursuits in Nether Providence. Since 2022, Mano has been an active Democratic Party organizer and supported state and local candidates including Ryan Bizzarro, who ran for PA state treasurer in the 2024 Democratic primary.

His platform includes:



- **Transparency:** Parents and community members must have a seat at the table for decision making. It is important to me to listen first and then act second. I will advocate for the board to hold monthly forums or town halls to hear parent and community concerns, welcome and receive feedback, as well as connecting with local leaders. I will communicate with the public about key issues facing the district by attending board meetings regularly, using a newsletter, social media, and community forums. Being available and transparent is key.
- **Accountability:** Many administrators and teachers felt that there was a toxic work culture. This will end when I am elected to the school board. We will foster a collaborative, rather than a top down approach, and cut waste and inefficiency. We do not need to tolerate or accept failure. I will accept responsibility as should administrators and the superintendent.
- **Focusing on student success and wellness:** I will champion policies that support student mental health. According to the American Psychological Association, 20% of teens are at risk of suicide. The school board must prioritize academic rigor and support students' mental health by integrating mental health into the curriculum. It is important to give students a voice in their schools by promoting advocacy and representation. Some curriculum resources for parents and teachers include MindUp and Second Step.
- **Allocate for needs and cut costs:** I would prioritize spending toward hiring central office staff, staff for student mental health, school safety in upgrading security cameras, and allocate for additional annual increases in teacher salaries. At the same time, we must evaluate any funding that is not serving the best interest of students such as unessential professional development sessions to cut waste and inefficiency.

The official campaign launch will be held in early 2025, near Hepford Park, in Wallingford, PA when Mano will speak with voters, answer any questions, and share his vision for the future. The event is free and open to the public.



"I am running because our community needs leadership that puts our students first, not political agendas," added Mano. "Together, we can make our school district the best for all of us."

For more information about Mano's campaign, including upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and ways to donate, visit cmanowssd.com or follow us on social media.