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Dear Editor: As the School Board representative from Sugarland Run, Joseph Guzman has played a key part in acting for the students of his district and Loudoun County.

He has always stood courageously on issues with a special eye toward our students and their future. He worked to protect students with meaningful decency standards for in school and extracurricular activities. He spoke out to restrict the excessive use of video materials used to "pass time" in the classrooms, sometimes even in advanced courses. He raised the policy for high school students to participate as "student" board members so that the youth can better understand us, and the board members can hear the concerns of the youth. Our student board members have been remarkable and their comments have affected our decisions on more than one occasion. He arranged for tuna sandwiches to be available for any student with dietary restrictions or when what's on the menu won't do. He also has pushed for teaching excellence through large stipends for board certification for teachers.

Joseph Guzman is a good man who cares about children and families and education. I am glad to have served with him and pleased to endorse him for re-election to the School Board for the Sugarland Run District this November.

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