Carteret BOE elections

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One of the words that seemed to be out of vogue these days, is "balanced."

For example, how often are journalists "balanced" when they are writing a story about national political matters?

For example, how often are scientists "balanced" when they are studying an issue like global warming?

For example, how often are citizens "balanced" when they are expressing their views about their local representatives?

In all these cases, a "balanced" assessment would be a thorough and objective acknowledgement of the pros and the cons of the topic at hand. Rarely is that ever done anymore.

As a local case in point, consider the Carteret Board of Education (CBOE). It's a no-brainer to find fault with a particular action, or

inaction of the CBOE — or any local board's actions. The challenge is to assess the Big Picture — which takes time, effort and objectivity.

As a scientist I'm a detail-oriented person, trained to be driven by the facts — so such an analysis comes somewhat easier to people of my profession.

Regarding the upcoming CBOE elections I can say this: I have gotten to know Travis Day, and have a good idea of his competence, integrity, and academic objectives.

There is no doubt that anyone genuinely looking at a balanced assessment of the local education matter would find Travis to be a major net asset to the Carteret education system and our community.

Please cast your vote on the very important Primary Day — and keep the word "balanced" in mind.

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