



## Broward Politics: Is School Candidate Too Young?

Broward School Board candidate **Sarah Leonardi**, who is 29, knows the criticism about her age is coming.

“It is something I’m expecting,” Leonardi says.

As Leonardi holds her campaign kickoff this week, the east Fort Lauderdale-based School Board District 3 race is shaping up as a generational battle:

The 29-year-old Leonardi versus the 51-year-old incumbent **Heather Brinkworth**.

Brinkworth obviously has more life experience. Should that be a deciding factor in an election? Should a candidate automatically counted out because they are young?

No!!!

**John F Kennedy** was elected to Congress at 29. **Marco Rubio** was elected to the West Miami Commission at 26 and the Florida House at 28. And let’s not forget our local boy **Jared Moskowitz**, who became a member of the Parkland Commission at 25 while still in law school.

Voters chose their ideas, not their age.

But candidates like Leonardi also shouldn’t be chosen just because she is young. **By Buddy Nevins, BrowardBeat.com, excerpt posted on SouthFloridaReporter.com, Aug. 22, 2019**