

# Town hall meeting to highlight poverty issues for Ben Lomond students

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Rep. Brad Dee, R-Washington Terrace, speaks Saturday, April 16, 2016, as a Weber County Republican commission candidate during the convention at Ben Lomond High School. Ben Lomond will host a town hall meeting on Thursday, Sept. 22 to discuss student poverty. Utah Sen. Allen Christensen and his Democrat opponent Deana Froerer will attend the meeting.

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OGDEN — The community is invited to participate in a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, to discuss ways of addressing poverty issues faced by students in the [Ben Lomond High School](http://schools.ogdensd.org/benlomond/) (<http://schools.ogdensd.org/benlomond/>) area.

The event will be held at the high school, located at 1080 Ninth St., Ogden.

Organizer Travis Marker, a Ben Lomond alumnus and a local attorney, said he was surprised to

learn that 70 percent of students in the Ogden School District faced poverty issues.

The event will feature presentations from Utah [Sen. Allen Christensen](http://allenchristensen.com/) (<http://allenchristensen.com/>) (R, District 19) and his Democrat opponent [Deana Froerer](http://www.df4senate.com/), (<http://www.df4senate.com/>) who will discuss their ideas to best serve students in poverty. Their discussion will be moderated by the Ben Lomond Latinos in Action Committee.

“Hopefully, with events like this, we can make a difference,” Marker said.

He said he’s hoping politicians will take this issue seriously and that the community can work together to make a difference.

Marker said he didn’t grow up in an area with such poverty, and the area has changed over time.

“You see these kids working hard, overcoming the odds,” he said.

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