

# School Board Candidate Questionnaire

## ACADEMICS

- Yes  No
1. Do you believe schools should give primary emphasis to teaching basic skills (e.g. reading, grammar, spelling, arithmetic) rather than social or psychological matters?
- Yes  No
2. Do you support the use of intensive, systematic phonics to teach first-grade children how to read?
- Yes  No
3. Do you support the goal that children should be able to read by the end of the first grade?
- Yes  No
4. Do you support the teaching of abstinence as the norm for unmarried teenagers and as the only truly effective way to prevent sexually-transmitted diseases?
- Yes  No
5. Do you believe the topics of homosexuality and alternative lifestyles should be excluded from the classroom?
- Yes  No
6. Do you support teaching that the use of illegal drugs and the unlawful use of alcohol are "wrong"?
- Yes  No
7. Do you reject classroom instruction that downgrades American sovereignty, limited constitutional government, or private enterprise?

## POLICY

- Yes  No
8. Do you support local control of education, with accountability through the local school board, rather than federal control exercised through federal and state bureaucracies and business partnerships?
- Yes  No
9. Do you reject federal control of curriculum through the Goals 2000 and School-to-Work laws?
- Yes  No
10. Do you oppose the establishment of school-based health clinics, which may perform examinations, provide immunizations and medications, and dispense birth control devices and abortion referrals, without parental consent or knowledge?
- Yes  No
11. Do you oppose the collection and maintenance of data on student health, performance, attitudes, behavior, and family, as well as academics, in computerized databases?
- Yes  No
12. Do you oppose allowing the school district to deduct money from the paychecks of school employees and forward it to political funds without the annual written consent of each employee?

## PARENTS' RIGHTS

- Yes  No
13. Do you believe in the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children?
- Yes  No
14. Do you support a school board policy allowing parents the right to inspect and review instructional materials and methods?
- Yes  No
15. Do you support a school board policy forbidding psychological evaluations, testing, treatment, or physical examinations of students without prior written parental consent?

Yes  No

**16.** Do you believe parental consent should be required prior to giving information and care to students regarding sexuality and reproductive health?

Yes  No

**17.** Do you oppose requiring students to answer nosy questionnaires about sex, drugs, suicide, and family behavior without prior written parental consent?

Yes  No

**18.** Do you support the right of parents to homeschool their children?

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