

We have been covering K-12 education for over 5 years. We focus on the 10 districts in SWW as well as Washington State and national topics that may make their way to us. We provided in depth details and research on people, positions and subjects for our readers. We rarely take a position on who to endorse. Instead, we try to gather information that will help voters make informed decisions.

In the case of school board races we will produce a series of articles by school district. We will share the information on all candidates who registered to run. This will include the contact; Bio and Position statements you supplied to the Clark County Elections Department. In addition we will share your responses to the topics provided below.

We request you to respond no later than midnight June 20th. Any responses after that date will not be published until after the primary election is completed. This helps assure that no candidate can delay their responses until after reading the positions of other candidates. We will provide ongoing updates on your race (you can submit comments to us), and will update the details about you on the article for your school district.

If you have any questions please contact us (our email is the last item in this communication).

We polled people in various groups and identified the topics voters have expressed an interest in knowing where you stand. You can respond under the item or put the questions/responses into a document and send them to us.

Q1: What is your position on Critical Race Theory being required training for teachers and potentially being taught in schools?

I believe the ultimate purpose of Critical Race Theory is to not only divide Americans, but to teach citizens to view America as based on a racial system dedicated to white supremacy and the only way to rid America of racism is to fundamentally change the American Government. To me, this is a direct assault on our Constitution and everything America truly stands for, and that is liberty and justice for all, regardless of race.

Q2: What is your position/views on Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE) being mandated by the Legislature and the State Superintendent of Schools?

As for CSE, it has gotten way out of hand. Instead of parents having to opt their kids out every year, those parents who want their children to partake have to opt their children in Basic human biology and consequences of actions are appropriate. Discussing sexual relationships, techniques, etc., is letting things get out of hand.

Q3: What is your position/view on mandated vaccination for Covid 19 (or similar situations in the future)? i.e what if there is a requirement for proof of vaccination for students to return to school?

I don't have an issue requiring vaccinations for the standard diseases such as Measles Mumps, Rubella and Polio. These are diseases that have been recognized as necessary over many

years. What I do have an objection to is requiring vaccinations for Viruses that can be managed by modern medicines.

Q4: What is your position on the continued requirement for masks by students while in school?

There are lots of voices saying to look to the science for answers on whether mask usage is helpful or not. The issue I see is that there is no agreement on the effectiveness of masks. My opinion is to leave it up to the parents and students to wear masks or not.

Q5: What is your position/view on “equity, equality and inclusion” in public schools?

I don’t believe that there are three more polarizing words being expressed in today’s educational system. The issue is that each person has their own idea of the definition of each of these words and if we aren’t clear of our words and ideas, we will not be clear on our solutions. We as a School Board will need to make decisions and policies that take into account how they will affect the individual as well as the student body. I believe that schools need to use the same ruler one everyone.

Q6: What is your position/views on Common Core?

When you look at what Common Core was sold to us as. A standard way to teach and test it sort of made sense but. My issue is that there seems to be no middle ground or wiggle room for students that need additional help learning. Not every student learns the same way and faculties need the flexibility to use alternative methods. When I look at the Common Core work that has been sent home with my grandkids I sometimes wonder if whoever made up the curriculum ever had to use it in their own business.

Q7: What is your position/views on Social Emotional Learning?

Whenever a new system comes up like this we need take a critical look at it and ask ourselves what is the end goal and how will it benefit the student and what does it have to do with the Core learning of Reading Writing and Math.

Q8: What are the top 3 challenges you would address in your first elected year and why?

The biggest and most important issue the schools face in the next coming years is to re-connect with all of the students that have been lost due to Covid-19 and its restrictions. The second challenge we will face is whether or not the next school levy passes. The third challenge and is one that can be heated is what curriculum do we choose to use.

Q9: If Washington State proposed legislation that would provide health care to children in school and at age 13 parental notification and approval were not required for treatment, what would be your position and view?

I don't believe that it's the schools responsibility to provide more health care to students beyond the basics. If so we get into a discussion about who is actually responsible for the child, the parent or the school. In my view the parent will be ultimately have the responsibility for the student's health.

Q10: What is your view on the role of CTE (Career Training Education)? Is it sufficient, under or over utilized?

I will always ask myself what is the end goal? Will the skills obtained make the student valuable to a company or give the student the skills necessary to be self-employed. If we can introduce a wide variety of skills to our students, they will be able to make better careers.

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