

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

There are many different opinions on what Critical Race Theory even is – read 5 articles, get 5 different explanations. I do not support CRT however each school director swears an oath to follow the laws and governance of the State of Washington.

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

There are many parents who are passionate about this subject both for and against. Since CSE is mandated by State law, local school boards do not have the authority to eliminate the curriculum. If parents disagree with CSE, they do have the ability to opt out their students from the lessons. While I do not oppose CSE, I do believe that parents should be the first teacher.

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?

There needs to be more data that shows the vaccine has been thoroughly tested and is safe for students. I do not currently support a mandated vaccine.

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

Each school director swears an oath to follow the laws and governance of the State of Washington even though they may not always agree with them. The school board and the district are required to follow the mandates set by the Governor and the Public Health department. I support that it should be the parent and/or student choice if they should wear a mask.

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

Every student should have the opportunity to succeed. I think it’s important to recognize that each student learns differently and there needs to be multiple options to choose from even within the same classroom.

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

My concern with Common Core is it becomes more about testing than learning which takes away from classroom time that could be used more beneficially for students.

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

We need to be careful that SEL standards aren't measuring how students should think and feel but rather give students resources for acquiring additional skills to succeed.

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

Student achievement – we need to make sure every student has the opportunity to succeed and recognize that success does not necessarily come from test scores.

Technology – we need to make sure students and staff have access to the latest technology so they are not hindered by outdated materials.

Fiscal responsibility – being fiscally responsible and living within our means is an important issue. We need a budget that is reasonable and attainable that covers the needs of our district but is not a financial hardship to our community

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?

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

CTE is a needed in schools as one of the many opportunities available to students to help them succeed. Growing existing programs and offering new programs at multiple grade levels will only further the skills and knowledge of students while preparing them for the workplace.

Any other comments or thoughts you want to share with voters?

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