

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

CRT groups children into oppressors or oppressed based on race and other social identities. Children should not be judged by the color of their skin, rather by the content of their character. CRT is problematic as seen in schools around the nation. A family is suing a Nevada school for requiring their biracial son to make a public confession about his identity. Our school district should avoid training that has the potential to cause lawsuits and waste public resources.

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

Families are ultimately and primarily responsible for the physical and mental growth of their children. Parents and the community should decide whether or not they want to spend their taxes on supplemental learning for students in our area. Our district already provides sex education. This new CSE mandate requires additional information about gender theory and sexual expression. Families should decide within their own homes how they teach sexual expression as this is a very subjective topic. I will support a curriculum that focuses on science-based evidence only.

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?

The mRNA COVID-19 injections should not be mandated. VAERS and ongoing trials reveal there are risks for taking these specific shots. If there is a risk, there should always be a choice.

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

The evidence that mask mandates are effective is limited. Mask-wearing should be a personal choice.

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

Equity is equality of outcome. Popular public perception would believe this means success for all. There are many difficulties with this perception as it is unclear on what and who gets to define success. For example, one might say success is having all students graduate from high school. An equity solution would mean lowering the requirements to graduate. The decision to lower academic standards would communicate to students they are incapable of overcoming difficulties and achieving self-improvement. Students would leave our schools unprepared for the real world. We need to thrive for academic excellence and come alongside students to help them improve and build upon their skills. We should teach students to be self-sufficient. I believe students should be given an equal opportunity to learn skills that can help them succeed in life.

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

Common core is largely ineffective at teaching kids math. The federal and state government should not mandate curriculum, but rather allow schools the flexibility to design better alternatives.

Q7: What is your position/views on Social Emotional Learning? Social-emotional learning is a breach of personal privacy. Students should not be required to share information about themselves and their families.

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

Community trust in the district: I will support parents by allowing them the freedom to raise their children the way they feel convicted to do so. I will help create an environment of transparency by keeping parents informed.

The lack of academic excellence: Students should be taught how to think, rather than told what to think. I will support teachers who encourage students to reason and think for themselves.

Olympia’s decisions for our community: I support decisions that use resources wisely for worthwhile solutions. I will put the voices of our local community over the voices in Olympia. I will create surveys to better understand where the community stands on certain issues.

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?

Medical procedures should be kept separate from our public schools. The district needs to distance itself from any liability.

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

I think CTE is underutilized. Students should know other options are available to them. CTE is another way Battle Ground School District gives equal career opportunities for students to utilize their skills and passions.

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