



PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES

As a candidate for public office, I hereby declare to uphold the following policy principles.



Respect and Restore Parents' Rights: Teachers, counselors, administrators, and school board members shall honor the constitutional and statutory rights of parents/guardians affirming the parent-child relationship and should implement policies protecting parental notification and participation in curriculum matters as required by controlling U.S. Supreme Court precedent.



OPT-IN Policies: School officials shall adopt "OPT-IN" policies to replace "OPT-OUT" policies with respect to student participation in medical, social, family questionnaires and surveys. In addition, school officials shall require that all conversations with students pertaining to subject matter related to anything other than academic instruction, including referral for healthcare services, shall require parent notification and participation.



Comprehensive Sexuality Education: Oppose K-12 public schools Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) curriculum addressing sexual relations and related activities, designed to challenge or change traditional sexual and gender norms of society. If adopted, CSE shall be an elective class only, with the advance written permission of parents/guardians allowing their student to "OPT-IN." Such programs should also acknowledge and present information concerning known negative physical and emotional health outcomes for sexually active children and the application of "age of consent" laws protecting minors from coercive sexual pressure and actions.



Viewpoint Discrimination: All students shall have the right to have their viewpoints respected, allowed and expressed on an equal basis with other student viewpoints in curriculum and curriculum-related matters. When subjects taught are controversial, all viewpoints shall be presented, including no-majoritarian (not supporting the dominance of the majority over the minority) religious and political perspectives. No form of political demonstrations shall be promoted or held during school hours on campus without the prior written consent of parents/guardians and allowance for comparable demonstrations to raise and express other viewpoints.



School Choice: The best way to assure the rights of parents/guardians to raise and educate their children according to their sincerely-held values and beliefs is to provide competitive statewide school choice alternatives backed by availability of state basic school support funds that "follow the student."