



## School Board Candidate Questionnaire

Name:  
Street: City: Zip:  
Phone (h): Phone (w): Phone (c):  
Email: Party Affiliation:

School Board District ([Find your District](#)):

Occupation: Employer:

Below are a series of questions we'd like you to answer about your candidacy for school board. These are questions many voters will expect you to answer throughout the campaign, so take this opportunity to think carefully about your answers so you can offer voters a clear and concise perspective on your background and beliefs. Please feel free to expand your thoughts beyond the space required and **submit your responses by email to [run@lagop.com](mailto:run@lagop.com) or by fax at 225-389-4493.**

### 1) What is your opinion on charter schools?

- a) I fully support charter schools as an alternative to traditional public and private schooling.
- b) Charter schools are ok in most circumstances, but only if they do not harm the public school system.
- c) Charter schools should only be allowed in the worst performing school districts and should have extensive oversight.
- d) I do *not* support charter schools in any form for any school district.

### 2) What is your opinion on school choice?

- a) Students should never be forced to attend failing schools. I fully support vouchers and tax credits to promote school choice and competition.
- b) I support vouchers and tax credits, but any school receiving public funding through these systems should be held to the same state standards as public schools.
- c) I support vouchers and tax credits but only within the public school system, no public funding should be used to subsidize education in private or charter schools.
- c) I do *not* support vouchers or tax credits in any form. Students should attend their neighborhood school even if it is failing and their parents should be forced to pay the full tuition in they choose to send their student to private or charter schools.

**3) What is the proper role for local, state, and federal control of education?**

- a) I support local control with accountability through the local school board, rather than federal control exercised through federal and state bureaucracies.
- b) Because significant funding for local schools comes from the state and federal governments, it's reasonable for them to be able to set some policy and expect a level of accountability, but ultimately it is up to the local school board to run local schools.
- c) I do *not* support local control of local schools. Our children would be better served by a complete takeover by the state or federal government.

**4) Below are a series of questions that you can answer with a simple yes or no. Should you wish to elaborate on your answers to this portion of the questionnaire, you can do so in the next section.**

Do you believe in the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children?	Yes	No
Do you support a school board policy allowing parents the right to inspect and review instructional materials and methods?	Yes	No
Do you believe parental consent should be required prior to giving information and care to students regarding sexuality and reproductive health?	Yes	No
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
Do you support the right of parents to homeschool their children?	Yes	No
Should homeschooled children be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities such as athletics and the arts at Louisiana's public Schools?	Yes	No
Do you support using performance based criteria as a portion of teacher evaluations so that high quality teachers can be rewarded and under-performing teachers can receive additional instruction?	Yes	No

**5) The next three questions are open-ended to allow you to tell us about yourself and your plans for education reform once you are elected. Please limit your answers to the space provided.**

**a) Why would you make a good School Board member? What unique qualities and perspectives do you bring to the Board?**

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**b) What is your platform and goals?**

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**c) Is there anything else that you think it's important for voters in your area to know about you and your candidacy for school board?**

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