

Utah Parents In Action School Board Candidate Questionnaire

Please read the following statements about education policies and programs and indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each statement.

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Mom

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I understand my answers will be shared with parents *

yes

Parents and citizens should have complete, unhindered access to all of the teaching materials that are used in their children's education.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Parents should not have to submit GRAMA requests in order to gain access to what our children's teachers are being trained on, nor to see the materials used to teach our children.

School Boards and Schools should establish parental review processes for all policies, products, and programs that are being considered for use in the schools before those materials are introduced into schools and classrooms.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Parents should be informed and aware of what concepts are being taught to their children BEFORE those concepts are taught.

School Boards and Schools should proactively inform parents when parental consent is required by state law for surveys, curriculum, etc.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

School facilities (bathrooms, locker rooms, hotel rooms, etc) use should be determined by biological sex.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Participation in school sports should be based on biological sex.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Educational material that suggests that an individual's thoughts or character can be determined by that individual's race, religion, sex, or national origin, should not be taught in schools.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Schools should expand educational programs that enable students with special gifts and talents to develop their individual capacities in a more demanding academic environment.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

No School Board or School shall agree to, or renew, a contract with any provider of educational products or programs if that contract, in any way, restricts parental access to the contents of those products or programs.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

School Boards and Schools should lobby the legislature to provide more money to fund education in Utah.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

I don't want more federal funding with federal strings attached, dictating what schools teach and focus on. The decisions on curriculum and programs should be made at the local levels, with parents and local representatives being the main providers of input for our children.

No School Board or School shall agree to, or renew, a contract with any provider of educational products or programs, if that contract, in any way, allows the sharing of individual student information with any other entities unless that sharing is specifically approved, in writing, by the student's parents.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

School Boards and Schools should establish policies and procedures that ensure that parents have access to all the details of the proposed district and school budgets and the opportunity to provide suggestions and recommendations before those budgets are finalized.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

The State has the ultimate medical jurisdiction over children

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Parents should ALWAYS have the ultimate jurisdiction over their children, except in cases where parents have been proven to be abusive and/or neglectful.

School Boards and Schools should terminate memberships and cease contributing funds to any national, state, or local education organization that is contrary to the laws, regulations, or values of Utah.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

School Boards and Schools should establish policies and procedures that affirm the educational excellence of our teachers and support their complete independence to select educational material they choose to use.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

I think there should be some oversight on what teachers select, because there are some teachers with activist agendas in mind, who teach their opinions on issues that should be left to the family. There are many awesome teachers who leave politics and opinions outside the classroom, but unfortunately we can't trust everyone, so there must be oversight.

School Boards and Schools should establish policies and procedures that affirm the need to teach and practice social justice in the classroom, school, and community.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

No. Never.

School Boards and Schools should establish policies and procedures that promote the adoption of educational programs supported by the current U.S. Department of Education, such as the New York Time's 1619 project.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

School Boards and Schools should establish policies and procedures to promote and expand social and emotional learning policies, procedures, practices, and programs to better prepare our children to live in this turbulent world.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

I believe most things pertaining to social and emotional learning should be taught in the home. It's okay to teach children to be responsible, work hard, and to be kind to those around them. However SEL as I have seen it has an agenda tied to social justice, and I do not feel that is appropriate in a school setting for children.

School Boards and Schools should establish policies and procedures that incorporate the emerging best practices of the educational excellence promoted by the national education organizations and federal government

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

No. They may be termed "best practices" but when coming from the national and federal level, they are usually tied to national and federal agendas. The people who know the actual "best practices" for our children are the people who are closest to and care most about them. In other words, parents.

Do you support Governor Cox vetoing HB11, which would prohibit biological boys from competing in girls sports?

- Yes
- No

Explain answer (optional)

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Parents should have reasonable time to give public comment in every school board meeting

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Adaptive Learning Programs ought to be used in classrooms

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

I'm not sure what this is. However, based on my research on other programs, it seems that most of the newer programs being brought into the schools are tied to agendas I feel are inappropriate for children.

Parents have the fundamental right and duty to exercise primary control over the care, supervision, upbringing, and education of their children.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

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Local School Boards should utilize federal grants when possible

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

I'm not an expert on this, but I feel that generally speaking, when school boards accept federal funding, they also accept the federal strings attached to that funding. I think we need to stop taking money that forces our schools to incorporate ideas and programs that are not beneficial to our children. We need to keep things local.

The USBE rule regarding educational equity is adequate and will prevent CRT and other divisive ideologies from being taught in our schools? ***Here's where you can find the educational equity rule: <https://bit.ly/3jusa1S> ***Here's the link to the rule: <https://bit.ly/3JzFosd>

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

I gave public comment when this rule was being decided on. I do not feel it keeps CRT out of the schools. There are too many loopholes.

The current Utah State Civics Standards, as written by the Utah State Board of Education, are sufficient. ***See proposed standards here: <https://bit.ly/3rlomrD>

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Schools ought to teach Comprehensive Sexuality Education.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

Local School Boards should have authority to issue mask mandates for their school district

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

I don't think they should have the authority to mandate masks - because I do not believe any government entity should be mandating anyone's personal medical decisions, but if the government is going to mandate them it should be on the local level.

Education funds ought to follow the child, at the direction of the parent, to meet the educational needs of the child

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Undecided
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Explain answer (optional)

I think this is a good idea in theory. I think this already happens on some level with charter schools. We left public schools and attended a charter school for part of 2021-2022, and at least some of the funding for my children went to the charter school instead of our local public schools. We ended up leaving the charter school and homeschooling instead. I did not receive any funding to help pay for homeschool, but I also have complete autonomy to select the homeschool program I feel is best for my children and I'm grateful for that autonomy. My concern about the funding following the children is that with the funding also comes attached strings, telling parents what curriculum they must select and how they must teach it, and assessments ensuring children are learning according to those requirements. I do not want this happening and for that reason I am opposed to the funding following the child.

What would you like to tell UPU parents about yourself and how, if elected, you will represent Utah parents?

I will stand for schools to be academically focused and politically neutral.

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