

# 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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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)

We need to find a way to make what teachers are teaching transparent, but avoid adding unnecessary busy work to a teachers workload. Parents should know what is being taught in a child's classroom.

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)

School boards are implementing policy without input from parents. We need parents involved in the process.

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 boards and schools should minimize this type of data mining. It should only happen if it helps improve student learning.

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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)

Teenagers seeking attention is nothing new. If schools give positive attention for negative behavior, students will seek the attention.

Participation in school sports should be based on biological sex.

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

Explain answer (optional)

The physical maturation of boys and girls is very different. Title IX is federal law that protects opportunities for girls and needs to be what is followed on this issue.

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)

We need to embrace the diversity of students in our schools and work to teach all students that the American Dream is available to everyone. Teaching kids that they are a victim of the system does not encourage them to pursue the American Dream.

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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)

The workforce is changing and education is not changing with it. Expanding CTE programs and providing more focus for students should be made available to more students.

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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)

This issue runs deep. The publishing companies have developed an oligopoly in education. We need to encourage teachers who are having success in the classroom, share their curriculum with others teachers and make this transparent to parents.

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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)

We often hear that Utah has the lowest per pupil spending in the country; however, Utah has the highest percentage of it's budget going to education. What should be a priority is reducing bureaucracy and get more of the money directly to the classroom including attracting and retaining the best teachers.

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)

Data mining should not happen with private student information.

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)

Parents need to be involved in the process.

The State has the ultimate medical jurisdiction over children

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

Explain answer (optional)

Parents have jurisdiction over medical and educational decisions. The end!

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)

I would take this one step further. Schools should eliminate policies that are promoting these organizations. Many school districts have policies that allow these organizations to exclusively negotiate. This has created a monopoly.

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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)

We are moving away from the art of teaching. We need to allow great teachers to be great. The current trend is all teachers teach the same thing at that same time and it is killing unique lesson plans from creative teachers.

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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)

Schools should teach kids that they can be a success and despite poor decisions of historical figures and a system that may not always be fair, they are individuals and can succeed based on their own efforts.

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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)

The 1619 project is trying to redefine historical fact. It is a dangerous movement to education.

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)

Schools will always need to deal with the struggles of growing up, but ultimately this responsibility stays with the parent. Using general words to push a specific narrative on our youth needs to be pointed out and eliminated.

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)

Education is a local issue. The federal government needs to get out of the education business and leave it to state and local boards to decide on curriculum.

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

- Yes
- No

Explain answer (optional)

The legislature made the correct decision to override Governor Cox.

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

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

Explain answer (optional)

The practice of locking parents out of school board meetings is wrong. The voice of parents should be welcome and encouraged in board meetings.

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Adaptive Learning Programs ought to be used in classrooms

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

Explain answer (optional)

I feel like this question is too broad to give a specific answer.

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)

Strongly agree is all that needs to be said.



Local School Boards should utilize federal grants when possible

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

Explain answer (optional)

Only if the grants does not tie their hands. Often the grants come with demands from the federal government.

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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/3jusaS> \*\*\*Here's the link to the rule: <https://bit.ly/3JzFosd>

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

Explain answer (optional)

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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)

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Schools ought to teach Comprehensive Sexuality Education.

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

Explain answer (optional)

Schools should teach the science of sex not the morality of sex.

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

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

Explain answer (optional)

Parents should have the right to choose how to send kids to school. If a parent feels wearing a mask protects them and their family that is their chose, but boards should not be mandating masks.

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)

It is time to revisit vouchers in Utah.

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

I am a teacher that looks out for students. I will be a board member that looks out for parents.

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