

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)

This access is primary to my platform. Most teaching materials are digital and should be easily available for viewing by the public. Per Utah Statute, parents are the primary teachers of their children; per Utah tax codes and expenditures, state citizens are paying for that education. Parents and citizens are primary stakeholders and are owed the vantage of viewing. I appreciate that many current teaching materials may be under copyright laws prohibiting universal access, but providing a District-run lab with extended hours for public viewing would make this a easy fix. For a variety of reasons, the curriculum needs to be available to parents and public, but two are critical: parents need to see what their children are being taught to support the school's and their children's endeavors, and the entire public needs to be sure that the materials and curriculum are appropriately focused on academic objectives.

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)

All school materials should be vetted and formally adopted by the District and Board, a duly elected body (incidentally, this was only recently adopted in ICSD!). Ideally, there would be a community committee that would also review and advise the Board and District. The challenge often arises with a lack of community involvement.

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)

Schools and school boards not proactively advising parents when parental consent is required by State Statute seems obstructive. With clear communication lines already established, it seems pretty easy to advise. Schools and boards need to be more diligent in assuring this.

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)

The current challenge with this situation comes from what I believe is a misinterpretation of Title IV, pushing out of discrimination in schools based on sex and into the arena of 'transsexual identity'.

Participation in school sports should be based on biological sex.

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

Explain answer (optional)

I believe completely in biological sexes participating separately. Title IV legally guarantees this separation.

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)

I oppose any form of racism, or any '-ism' for that matter, that forces a unique, sovereign individual into some typed category. No person's thoughts or character are 'determined' by any of these 'ism's'. That being said, these factors can certainly influence a person and can be identified as potentially important aspects of someone's identify. Identity is first, and foremost, an individual issue, and there are many factors that influence a person's singular identity, making him or her completely unique.

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)

I do not believe that it is the school's obligation to 'expand a program' for 'gifted' students. Teachers are capable enough to expand their target curriculum to challenge all students in unique ways. Extracurricular activities provide excellent opportunities for students to develop their interests and avocations.

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 statement speaks to one posed earlier. At this point, parents and public may be restricted from easy (anywhere) viewing of adopted educational products and materials because of copyright laws. Going forward, we should demand that materials be more accessible for review. If that demand can't be met by a provider, then we refuse service and product.

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)

County School Boards and public schools have no right to lobby as professional representatives at the legislature using State monies. If individual citizens who have knowledge of schools and districts want to advocate for augmented funding or a reallocation of funds, that is their right (with the expectation of disclosure regarding their professional position). The citizens' tax dollars should not pay for the lobbying for any government institution or program at the legislature.

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)

Absolutely NO sharing of students' private information without writtn, opt-in parental consent.

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)

Not just parents, but all citizens should have access and input with regard to district and school budgets.

The State has the ultimate medical jurisdiction over children

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

Explain answer (optional)

No one but the individual has jurisdiction over his or her medical decisions. In the case of a minor that jurisdiction falls exclusively to the parent(s), or legal guardian.

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)

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)

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)

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)

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

Yes

No

Explain answer (optional)

I am adamantly opposed to boys competing within girls' sports for reasons of fairness and safety.

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 don't know enough about adaptive learning programs to make a judgment.

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)

Local School Boards should utilize federal grants when possible

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

Explain answer (optional)

Federal money always comes with stipulations for usage. My sense is that become dependent on this money will put local districts in a stranglehold.

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)

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)

We need a curriculum that identifies specific goals and objectives, not nebulous standards that account for literally nothing. When the standards do identify performance objectives, they are often cognitively inappropriate for the assigned grades/ages.

Schools ought to teach Comprehensive Sexuality Education.

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

Explain answer (optional)

I'm not sure how 'comprehensive' is qualified. As far as what it sounds like--a complete education regarding sex including information outside of biological functions--I am opposed to this.

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

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

Explain answer (optional)

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)

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

My key platform issue is that school renew a commitment to assure that all students are literate. In the early grades we need to prioritize reading instruction that guarantees this for all children. For secondary schools, we need to return to the reading and analysis of whole pieces of literature and primary documents to include responsive essay writing. I am opposed to CRT and any agenda within schools that sexualizes minor children--the classroom is not an appropriate forum for either of these endeavors.

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