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2018 GENERAL ELECTION VOTERS' GUIDE



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Amano, Lynn

Office: Board of Education **District:** District 003

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 [No response requested]

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 No, I do not support this move. Quality of education here in MoCo drives our economic growth and should not take a back seat . We need to engage all stakeholders to advocate for our fair share of county and state funds, and pursue new funding sources such as private/public partnerships.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes. We need to collaborate with the State and remain open to new ideas and approaches that have worked in other parts of the state or similar districts across the country.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 MCPS needs to provide each child with opportunities for challenge and growth, meeting them where they are with valuable supports, such as ESOL, special needs, and wraparound services, and providing quality instruction that gives them opportunities and choices for their future.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 First, language accessible and culturally sensitive communications. Second, outreach to locations beyond the school. Third, better promotion of programs and options available to kids. Last, easy access to elected officials and staff.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 I am committed to making every child feel safe through policies and actions. Diversity in staff, culturally sensitive instruction and communications, social/emotional learning, anti-bullying, restorative justice practices, handicap accommodations and more are important.



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Candidate: Amano, Lynn

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| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 The school system needs to set guidelines to keep our children healthy and safe. Within those guidelines, schools and teachers should have the support and flexibility to meet regulations in ways that work best for them and their students. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 Yes, health and nutrition education and exposure should be better integrated, and at the earliest ages possible, while children are still open to new foods and experiences. This will increase demand for healthy options and provide a better economy of scale for the Food and Nutrition Division. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 Counselors at school are important for students who are suffering from anxiety, depression, and other stresses in situations where they may not feel comfortable talking to parents or peers. We need more counselors in our schools, to serve this essential function for our students. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 I believe the Police Department has done a good job in supporting SROs in our schools, including providing recruitment incentives. MCPS could also consider training support, educational credits, and scholarship incentives for SROs willing to serve our schools. |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 [No response requested] |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 I am committed to bringing resources and creative solutions to address overcrowding and protect class sizes for students in our schools. Stakeholder advocacy for funds, construction cost review, creative use of spaces, and public-private partnerships are necessary to meet our capacity challenges. |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 [No response requested] |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 [No response requested] |

Candidate: Arbuckle, Ryan



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Blaeuer, Maria

Office: Board of Education **District:** District 001

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 [No response requested]

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

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2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 I am concerned by this. Needed school construction/modernization should not be subordinated to other capital projects; many schools are already at/over capacity. MCPS is Montgomery Co.'s greatest asset, and attracts new residents and businesses; it should be treated as the economic asset it is.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes, if those incentives make economic sense when considered in light of larger MCPS budget, I would support them. However, any incentives that limited the potential for community engagement and parent input on school needs, I would be deeply concerned by.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 I support community schools as a means to address out of school barriers to student achievement and programs that keep experienced teachers in higher need schools. Consistent with the WestED report, I support increasing the staff to support and identify students with disabilities.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 MCPS must improve its communication with the families of students with disabilities, especially around their dispute resolution rights, and affirmatively reach out to communities who are underrepresented in MCPS' special programs.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 MCPS must proactively encourage inclusive schools, and not just respond when there are problems. I support efforts to recruit teachers of color, the continued use of a diverse and inclusive curriculum and alternatives to school exclusion, including restorative justice.



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Candidate: Blaeuer, Maria

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?	4.2 Local regulations can be used to encourage public participation and dialogue about important issues, and are an important part of democratic school governance; I support the use of the regulatory process to engage with the community and reflect the priorities of community.
4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?	4.3 Yes, health and nutrition should be integrated into the curriculum in a variety of subjects, and I hope to see more in-school food preparation as one result of that integration, as well as greater access to diverse foods, including lower-sugar selections, especially at breakfast.
4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.	4.4 I support increasing the number social workers and psychologists available to support students and collaborate with staff (as raised in WestEd report). I also support community schools and additional partnerships and co-location agreements for mental health care providers (ex. Linkages to Leaning).

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments	5.1 I support the current policy stating that SROs have no role in enforcing MCPS policies and serve primarily as a resource to MCPS staff and liaison between MCPS and MCPS. I am concerned that the 40 hour training for SROs is not sufficient, and would examine that as a board member.
5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?	5.2 [No response requested]

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?	6.1 We need to plan for growth, instead of just reacting to growth, so that we have the capacity to serve all of families with the level of excellence they deserve. MCPS must be part of the county's larger economic development planning from the inception of those plans.
6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?	6.2 [No response requested]
6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?	6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Docca, Judy



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

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2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

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3. Communication and Addressing Equity

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3.1 Equity issues for speakers of other languages, special education students, African Americans, and females are very much on everyone's agenda. The Superintendent is re-organizing the staff to place more teachers who are certified, but in other jobs, into the classroom as fulltime employees (most with 25 students). This will greatly assist with our

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 effort to provide more small classes. Small classes are felt to assist with individualized programs. All staff members are receiving culturally competent information related to teaching techniques. Every staff member is responsible for making sure they interact appropriately with our diverse population. School improvement plans will reflect ...

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 The BOE and Superintendent are requiring diversity training but intentions to improve the success of African American, Latino, Special Education, and English Language learners would be evident in the school improvement plan. The School Improvement Plan (SPI) will be examined for evidence of



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Candidate: Docca, Judy

success. The admin and the BOE will follow through

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.2 MCPS and the BOE must continue to work closely with MCCPTA and other parent support groups to provide appropriate information about cyberbullying and hate crimes. The new technology chief is providing programs, which are appropriate for use in school. Health and Wellness are serious concerns and schools have systems to identify concerns.

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 Communication with all families is difficult. Phone or Internet can reach the majority of families. The BOE encourages staff members to learn about students in their care. There are some we cannot reach electronically. It may mean a personal contact staff member or by NAACP Parent Council and Latino Achievement Councils to identify and contribute

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4 The BOE and the Superintendent are pleased to have assistance from Montgomery County Health and Human Services in the area of family services through linkages to learning and wellness centers in high school. Each year in the budget, more counselors are added to assist with group and individual concerns related to health and mental health issues. We need to continue to make this a priority.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 The police department and MCPS security office director are in close contact and share pertinent information to keep schools operating safely. The superintendent and the safety director join in the training of police officers who work in buildings with adolescents. Relationships of respect should ensure between students and security staff.

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2 [No response requested]

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Answers

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: O'Neill, Patricia

Office: Board of Education District: District 003

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 [No response requested]

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 No. I support an increase in General Obligation bonds, and increased state funding. In the medium to long-term, it is time for a dialogue by county leaders and stakeholders on viable options for increasing the revenue stream that can be dedicated to school construction.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 The Commission's report recommends that the state and local jurisdictions try new approaches to school construction and urges the state to encourage innovation by local jurisdictions. I agree and support structural and financial incentives that encourage collaboration.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 The Commission's report recommends that the state and local jurisdictions try new approaches to school construction and urges the state to encourage innovation by local jurisdictions. I agree and support structural and financial incentives that encourage collaboration.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 Technology permits us to tailor our communications to meet the needs of our MCPS community. We must meet our students and parents where they are. It is a lot of work, but it will pay off. Our translation and interpretation resources must be available in the languages that our students speak at home.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 MCPS classrooms must be a safe, welcoming space for students and adults. I have worked with my colleagues at the local and state level to put in place policies that send the message that our classrooms should be safe and welcoming places with zero tolerance for bullying and sexual abuse.



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4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.2 Regulations should have at their utmost aim, the safety and security of our students. We should be familiar with the research and infuse the findings in our regulations. We should also ensure that there is adequate capacity to enforce the regulations.

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 Yes. This is a work in progress in MCPS. I am committed to working with my colleagues on the Board and with MCPS staff to continue reviewing existing policies and regulations, with the aim of ensuring that wholesome health and nutrition practices are infused in all aspects of our curriculum.

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4 I am excited about the work we are doing to address the social and emotional well-being of students. Our counselors must have the capacity to engage in mental health and counseling services. We need a comprehensive audit of all MCPS mental health and counseling services.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department enjoy great collaboration and both sides have demonstrated a commitment to the safety and well-being of our students and adults. We should consider financial incentives to recruit officers who have a calling to work with students in the classroom.

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2 [No response requested]

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

6.1 We must always provide the classrooms that our students need. I am committed to remaining open to all viable options to ensure that we have the capacity for our ever-growing population. I am also committed to exploring and implementing creative solutions that keep class sizes small.

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

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1.1 [No response requested]

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1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 [No response requested]

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 School construction is a priority. Council must meet MCPS's needs & MCPS must provide detailed & reliable data on enrollment & demographics. While we benefit from equitable funding across the state, we need to increase our share of state funds to address increasing enrollment & diverse needs.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 State / LEA collaboration is essential & we must make smart use of local and state experts on school construction / financial planning & funding. However, benefits of traditional school facilities, a community approach to design & the needs of families must not take a back seat to "innovation."

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Increase accountability in IEP processes & access to continuum of delivery models & instruction; more paraeducators / co-taught classes; smaller classes, esp. schools impacted by poverty; expand programs such as ACES, Linkages to Learning; expand CTE & highly gifted programs, Expand pre-K programs.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 Listening is a priority. MCPS should hold Town Halls throughout the year and county, with BOE or MCPS leadership, on open & specific topics. In addition to being televised, ways to access & pose questions remotely should be investigated. Communication must always be accessible for non-English speaking families.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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Candidate: Reiley, Julie

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| <p>4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is</p> <p>4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?</p> <p>4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?</p> <p>4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.</p> | <p>4.1 As a Latina from L.A., growing up I felt the hurt of hate speech. Racist/sexist/anti-Semitic /LGBTQ/Muslim/Disability speech makes children feel "less than" & even unsafe. We need consequences & lessons/programs/events that teach inclusion & acceptance, including inviting community representatives.</p> <p>4.2 Regulations may increase accountability/safety; sound science must form the basis for ascertaining whether a regulatory based approach is appropriate; employ evidence-based / best practices when writing & implementing regulations; equitable implementation & understanding the consequences is vital.</p> <p>4.3 We should teach a lifetime of good health/eating habits for many reasons, e.g., healthy students perform better in school & grow into healthier, happier, more productive adults. Good physical health in teens promotes positive emotional health. Food Div. practices should promote healthy eating.</p> <p>4.4 Now more than ever we must maintain an unwavering commitment to the mental and social/emotional health of our students. We must ensure adequate funding of school psychologists and PPW who can assist with additional resources. We have to make sure parents know that mental health concerns may entitle the student to supports and services.</p> |
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5. Safety

Answers

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| <p>5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments</p> <p>5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?</p> | <p>5.1 It's collaborative but we must pursue 2017 Security report recommendations (e.g., gang activities/intervention). Incentives such as ensuring FT assignments at all HS and portable prof. development, e.g., foreign language or safe/effective interactions w/ teens w/ spec. needs.</p> <p>5.2 [No response requested]</p> |
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6. Growth

Answers

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| <p>6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?</p> <p>6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?</p> <p>6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?</p> | <p>6.1 We have got to work with the county council / planning board to make sure we have the land & capital we need, with developers paying their fair share; we must build anticipating growth, gathering and sharing detailed data on demographics and needs. We really need to commit to smaller class sizes.</p> <p>6.2 [No response requested]</p> <p>6.3 [No response requested]</p> |
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Candidate: Silvestre, Karla

Office: Board of Education **District:** At Large

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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1.3 [No response requested]

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

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2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 I understand the need to maintain our county's bond rating. Many people move to the county because of our great school system. MCPS is an asset to this county and state and should be at the top of the CIP priorities. We must also get our fair share of funding from the State for school construction.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 I support innovative approaches for school construction as long as they result in high quality buildings for school and community use as we have here in Montgomery County. I would welcome procedural flexibility as well. We must look for innovation to solve our Capital Improvement challenges.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 We need to recruit and retain great teachers and staff and provide them with the training and support so that they may: 1) provide instruction at the level that the student needs, 2) challenge and inspire students, 3) be aware of their bias, and 4) address the complex needs of various populations.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 MCPS should greatly increase communication with students and families through all means possible. They should also be more proactive about communicating on decisions that affect the whole system as well as school communities. They should constantly survey and test what is working and what is not.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 Positive school climate must be established and reinforced at every opportunity. Peer-to-peer initiatives must be supported to engage the school community in kindness and inclusion. Staff should be more accessible should a student need to report an incident or seek help.



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| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 It is critical that we have accountability in the implementation of policy to ensure that the policy is achieving its desired outcome. Annual updates on new policies is one way to accomplish this. This ensures that progress in being made in areas such as those mentioned here. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 Eating healthy foods from a young age will benefit children for the rest of their lives. This could be better integrated into the classroom beyond health class and be put into practice in the lunch room. A more informed student will choose healthier options thereby impacting current MCPS practices. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 All schools need more counselors so that they can address mental health. More partnerships can be established with nonprofit organizations to provide this service like at Wellness Centers but more capacity is needed there. Parents need more information on how to get help for their children. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 I think that we have been given a wake up call with the recent school shootings. MCPS and MCPD need to better coordinate mass shooter training and evaluate the effectiveness of existing practices. The best candidates will become SROs if they feel they will be supported and effective in their job. |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 [No response requested] |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 I am committed to ensuring that capacity keeps pace with growth. Beyond working with County Council and the State delegation to get the resources needed, we need to be involved in our county's planning processes and use some signature programs to attract students to schools that have capacity. |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 [No response requested] |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 [No response requested] |

Candidate: Simon, Laura



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 The County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities. Education must be a larger part of the County budget each year because not only does the number of students enrolled grow but also many of these new students have language or learning challenges.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes. The /Commission has made recommendations that would provide flexibility in the school construction structure and review process. We have sufficient expertise in house to manage the school construction project and are in the best position to know what we need. The result is a flexible process a

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 We must increase diversity in our staff and hire teachers that believe that all children should be provided quality instruction; provide training and support for new teachers on effective practice; Implement continuous training for teachers on cultural competence and implicit bias and train staff on

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 In order for any efforts of communication to be successful, there has to be (1)trust and honest communication; (2)Continuous and meaningful training in cultural competence and implicit bias; and (3) engaging teachers and families in joint decision- making when possible. Parents as well as students

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is	4.1 I am fully committed. Student achievement is impacted by this and their belief that they are welcome in the school. We must (1) demand fair treatment of all and a zero tolerance of discrimination; (2) teach respect for all and model that respect with each other and (3) have open and honest communication
4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?	4.2 We don't need more regulations. We need nurses and mental health professionals in schools to address the numerous challenges. We need partnerships with other county agencies to find monies to address these needs. We are concerned about WiFi towers next to our school buildings. We need balance
4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?	4.3 es. We should be teaching students about nutritional choices in elementary schools. We must demonstrate our commitment to healthy choices by the food and drink choices we make available in schools. Students should learn about the correlation between learning and proper nutrition. We are teaching
4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.	4.4 I would support an increased allocation for school-based mental health supports and services. I would like to see continued discussions around mental health and student stress. We also need to consider how we can better prepare students to cope with stress at every stage. This is a critical component

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments	5.1 There is good cooperation. The level of trust between the MCPS, the Police and the Community needs work. The incentives that should be considered to recruit for School Resource Officer include competitive pay, competitive benefits, recruiting officers who grew up in and know the county and officers
5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?	5.2 [No response requested]

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?	6.1 There are desirable class size goals but what is important is whether there are resources that are available, whether there is skilled teaching staff and whether there is a supportive environment for both teachers and students. The BOE, County Council, the community and legislature must continue to
6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?	6.2 [No response requested]
6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?	6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Alborno, Gabe



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Alborno, Gabe

Office: County Council District: At Large

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 I support making pre-K accessible to all Montgomery County families. We must expand our economy to enhance county revenue. This is both a State and County issue.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 School construction should be the top priority in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Debt service is now among the largest expenditures in the County budget and the current pace is not sustainable. We must take steps to maintain our AAA bond rating or we risk falling further back.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 I think some of these ideas may be worth exploring, however we need to proceed with caution. Relaxing some of the construction practices, such as recommended by the Commission, would mean reducing costs and speed up construction, but also reduce the quality and longevity of school facilities

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 We must ensure that schools have sufficient resources to meet the unique needs of the school populations they serve. Next, we must give teachers, counselors, support staff and administration the training and support they need to serve students and their families affectively.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 I believe a principal goal is to ensure the safety as well as the physical and emotional well-being of all children, especially while they are in school. This is a fundamental right. To that end I support policies that keep our students and faculty safe, but that it must be equitable.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 I don't believe a council member should micromanage the schools, however as a community leader I will vigorously defend these ideals using every tool available to me. In work as Recreation Dept Director, I insisted upon an agency that respected and accommodated every person we served. I made programmatic and facility changes to assure this.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Alborno, Gabe

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| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 I again, I don't believe a councilmember should do the work of a Board of Ed member, however, one role of the Council is to serve as the County's state-mandated Board of Health. In that capacity, I will insist that all elements of our community are healthy and safe. I will support the school health budget and advocate to enhance mental health services in the schools. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 Health and Nutrition education and practice should ideally be integrated in every part of a child's life, including school. I believe MCPS is making good progress in this area. I wish there were more opportunities in the school day for fitness and specific health and mental health education to be expanded |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 I began my career working with at risk teens. I am well aware of the mental health risks they face. I will be a strong advocate to expand mental health in the schools through Linkages to Learning and other partnerships with no profits. I particularly support elementary school intervention which could prevent more serious illness in a child's future. I will advocate for a suicide hotline for teens. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 I feel that cooperation between MCPS and police is very high, and school security is strong. Because of the growing concern over incidents such as the recent school shootings and the threat of gang violence, making our school security even stronger should be a high priority. I believe that our police department, working closely with MCPS should conduct a safety review to ensure that we have the right procedures and safety precautions in place to protect our students. I would consider incentives to attract experienced police officers to join the SRO program. |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 [No response requested] |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 Funding for MCPS is my highest priority and I am committed to ensuring that we provide schools the funding it needs for both its capital and operating needs. We also have to ensure through our planning process that we do not overburden our schools. |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 Yes, I believe that future development should provide the appropriate school capacity and not overburden our current classrooms. |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 Yes |

Candidate: Amatetti, Ed



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Amatetti, Ed

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 I strongly support early childhood education. One way to maximize access to all families quickly is to contract with private enterprises already engaged in early education.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 The recommendation to reduce CIP 11% was necessary given our exploding debt levels and revenue shortfalls. The only way to satisfy future capital improvement needs is by taking steps to expand our economy and commercial tax base, and control costs -- not to pretend we have money we don't have.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Our construction and maintenance backlog is appalling. I am in favor of new approaches including: design and site flexibility; relaxing prevailing wages and environmental mandates that increase costs upwards of 30% (OLO '17 report);

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 School districts across the country are making enormous progress in this regard. Like them, I would promote public charter schools and school choice to increase access to high performing programs, quickly reduce the achievement gap, get schools built, and promote innovation.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 #1) Training teachers (and giving them the time) to increase interaction with parents and students in order to improve academic performance; and #2) improve communication and interdictions in the areas of mental health (especially depression), drugs, and family-related issues that may arise.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 As a teacher in minority-majority schools, I always fostered a positive climate of respect and generosity toward others, and would be committed to this as Council member.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Amatetti, Ed

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| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 In the areas of physical and mental health, and digital safety continued discussions among MCPS and experts is the best approach versus hard-fast regulations. For WiFi, I am against cell towers on or adjacent to school property. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 MCPS has been effectively integrating health and nutrition in curriculum for years. I did it as a science teacher. We should endeavor to provide healthy food choices to students and encourage better nutrition. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 This is a high priority for me and a critical area for adolescents and teens. It needs to be addressed by encouraging better choices with respect to sex, drugs and friendships, addressing bullying and discipline, and through counseling and communication between school staff and students/families. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 This will be a high priority area. I do not believe Montgomery County is doing nearly enough to promote safety in schools. I will seek a review to find disconnects. Although not an expert, I believe good compensation and providing the tools to create a safe environment will support recruitment. |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 [No response requested] |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 School capacity has not kept up with enrollment nine of the last 10 years, increasing class sizes and the number of portables. I will work to reduce school construction costs and end the county's economic underperformance so we can again afford to meet capacity needs |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 The Council was right to require developmen plans to consider the impact on schools capacity. Looking the the future, we have to revist our assumptions on the amount of land a school needs, amount of non classroom space in schools, and the per square foot and per pupil cost of school construction. |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 We need to do much more to ensure adequate school facilities going forward. I will be interested in considering many options including: lower cost school construction, reducing the amount of land for some schools, converting existing buildings as schools, and financing from developers. |

Candidate: Arkoian, Rosemary O.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Banach, Richard

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Banach, Richard

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? 4.2

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? 4.3

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. 4.4

5. Safety Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments? 5.1

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? 5.2 [No response requested]

6. Growth Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? 6.1

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? 6.2

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? 6.3

Candidate: Barkley, Charles



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Dyer, Robert

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 I've been a proponent of universal Pre-K for many years. Funding is going to be a huge challenge, given the current budget situation. I want to go to Zero Based Budgeting, so we can start funneling money to our true priorities like Pre-K & school construction.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 School construction is equal to transportation and public safety as a funding priority. We have to change our process to tie development approvals directly to infrastructure capacity. I wouldn't have supported the move b/c if I'd been on Council, we wouldn't have been in this mess!

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Partnership w/the state is key. It would help to have a Republican councilmember who can have a more productive relationship with Gov. Hogan for us, should he be reelected. Again, the private sector profiting from the growth needs to help us out here.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Good schools in every neighborhood. Hans Riemer claims that blacks & Latinos only excel when surrounded by rich, white students. Jaime Escalante proved that bunk theory wrong 30 years ago. We need performance-based compensation for MCPS leaders.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 One priority should be in the other direction - more listening to, and ACTING on, parents' concerns. For many, language is a barrier. I want to get after-hours tutoring programs into apartment buildings in Latino areas, in a holistic approach to affordable housing solutions.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 Every person in MCPS should feel safe and valued. Period. Safety is a weakness at MCPS. The Council ignored devastating state audit exposing major cybersecurity holes at MCPS. I won't - in fact, I wrote my own analysis of the audit, and will act. Background checks & gang infiltration



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Candidate: Dyer, Robert

are weak areas.

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.2 More hours per week of exercise are needed. MCPS wireless device policy is out-of-control, trying to go over parents' heads - we don't need Jack Smith to be the "cool dad." Tie reforms to funding for non-classroom spending to get results.

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 Yes, in regards to physical edu. For nutrition, focus on getting the most useful information in the time we're spending now, rather than take away from STEM or arts. Need more input from students on Food Division offerings.

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4 We need to address mental health in every respect as a county. It's a crisis. I want to partner with the state, top mental health researchers, and the private sector to build a new psychiatric facility. We have a shortage of beds right now. Extend research from there to counseling in schools.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 I was ahead of the Council in supporting SROs; they cut funds, remember? SROs are doing a great job (i.e. Clarksburg gun incident) & we need one in every school. Compensation should be the same generous package we have for County officers on the beat. Get peer input on officers for best fit.

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2 [No response requested]

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

6.1 We may well have to "pull up the ladders" in areas where we are maxed-out on development. Infinite growth is a fantasy the Council believes is real. Hard-and-fast tie growth to infrastructure. I totally disagree w/idea of "super-size" schools being touted-crowding is detrimental to development.

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 Absolutely. It should have been at Westbard. Council blew it. Remember, next Council votes on Germantown, Aspen Hill, Gburg E. sector plans - do you want Riemer + 3 "new" clones of this Council voting? Or me, who'll take hard line against overdevelopment near neighborhoods w/crowded schools?

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 Absolutely, but developers should be donating the land in many cases, not at taxpayer expense unless they are going to split the profits with us. More developer skin in the game is a must.

Candidate: Falcinelli, Tom R. Jr.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Fiotes, Chris P. Jr.

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

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1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

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2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

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3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

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3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

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4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Fiotes, Chris P. Jr.

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? 4.2

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? 4.3

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. 4.4

5. Safety Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments? 5.1

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? 5.2 [No response requested]

6. Growth Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? 6.1

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6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? 6.3

Candidate: Forde, Lorna Phillips



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Friedson, Andrew

Office: County Council **District:** Councilmanic District 001

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 I strongly support early childhood education expansion and Universal Pre-K. It requires both the county and state because it's a social justice and regional competitiveness issue. I've seen the challenges for at-risk youth with 51% MCPS students not Kindergarten ready as the Collaboration Council Chair.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 School overcrowding is a top concern for D1 voters and will be a top priority for me on the Council. As a senior advisor to the BPW that oversees Maryland's school construction program I will push to prioritize it in the budget and advocate for more state investment. It won't take a backseat.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 The only way to meet our growing school construction needs is by prioritizing, innovating, and growing the tax base. I support any and all efforts to maximize opportunities to leverage state and federal dollars to meet our large needs. I'm running to provide the new ideas and new leadership we need.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 We have a legal, moral and social responsibility to ensure every child in MCPS receives high quality instruction. We need to keep class sizes down to identify challenges as they occur and ensure that every MCPS student has access to testing and sufficient programs to meet their unique needs.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 Communication is key. In every role I've been in, I've pushed for more proactive, transparent and accessible communication so public agencies could be more efficient, effective and accountable. That's the same expectation for MCPS – both in communicating with students and with parents and families.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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Candidate: Friedson, Andrew

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| <p>4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is</p> <p>4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?</p> <p>4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?</p> <p>4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.</p> | <p>4.1 Cultural sensitivity and tolerance must extend beyond schools as the fabric of our community. Parents, community leaders and elected officials must set the example. I've focused on this in several past roles including interfaith efforts on the national board of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.</p> <p>4.2 Children today face new risks and we need to provide them with new protection. We can't prevent all danger but thoughtful regulations can help mitigate those risks including physical and mental health & wellness, digital safety and WiFi exposure.</p> <p>4.3 Yes, health and nutrition can and should be better integrated. Educating children on healthy eating habits should be a lifelong effort that will help them and society. That starts with providing healthier eating options for school breakfast and lunch. Studies show this helps narrow the achievement gap.</p> <p>4.4 My family is actively involved in mental health programming for students because we've seen the devastating consequences when services weren't available when they were desperately needed. I'm as deeply committed as I always have been to providing mental health and counseling services.</p> |
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5. Safety

Answers

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| <p>5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments</p> <p>5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?</p> | <p>5.1 Successful community policing is needed to keep our communities safe, and that begins with building trust between young people and officers. Regrettably, our schools must be protected by the very best school resources possible and I will ensure that we work together with MCPS & MCPD to ensure that.</p> <p>5.2 [No response requested]</p> |
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6. Growth

Answers

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| <p>6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?</p> <p>6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?</p> <p>6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?</p> | <p>6.1 Easing the Squeeze of school overcrowding is a top priority of mine. We must ensure that our growth is managed and that school construction is prioritized as part of the planning process. My background reviewing Maryland's public school construction program positions make me an effective advocate.</p> <p>6.2 Where land is needed for schools, it should be a priority of the developer review process to acquire through dedication.</p> <p>6.3 Yes</p> |
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Candidate: Garcia, Loretta Jean



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Glass, Evan

Office: County Council District: At Large

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

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1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 I am fully committed to providing additional resources to fund early childhood services and universal preschool for all Montgomery County children. We need a new funding formula that makes pre-kindergarten available for all incomes and adds additional resources to schools in low-income communities.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 Building schools and maintaining our infrastructure are the most important investments our local government can make. This needs to be the top CIP priority. There is no reliable data projecting a decrease in enrollment.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 This election will bring a lot of change, which is why I am excited about bringing new ideas and trying new things in Rockville. I want to bring new approaches - like possibly creating a school construction authority that issues revenue bonds, or other innovative concepts to support our educational goals.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 It is a moral imperative that we work to close the opportunity gap in our schools so that every child receives the highest quality education. And because a student's ability is determined before entering the classroom, we must establish and invest in early childhood care and universal pre-K.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 As for former CNN journalist, I know that MCPS needs to improve its communication with students and families. MCPS may be doing a good job on social media, but it needs to have more of a presence in the communities - directly sharing information in the communities and with those who are not "connected".

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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Candidate: Glass, Evan

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5. Safety

Answers

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| <p>5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments</p> <hr/> <p>5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?</p> | <p>5.1 As a board member of Safe Silver Spring, I have long advocated for the use of School Resource Officers, and have fought for funding to increase SRO levels. Labor agreements should include incentives for the best and brightest to protect our youth. School facilities also need to be modernized so that all entry points are secure</p> <hr/> <p>5.2 [No response requested]</p> |
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6. Growth

Answers

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| <p>6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?</p> <hr/> <p>6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?</p> <hr/> <p>6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?</p> | <p>6.1 We need to rethink the way MCPS and the Planning Department share information. We must ensure that any growth can accommodate the increased capacity and that it is pays for that increased capacity. Smaller class sizes results in better educational opportunities for each student.</p> <hr/> <p>6.2 We are quickly running out of space to build new schools. I believe that school construction is critically important and should be considered a top amenity in future development plans. We need to stop thinking that the only way to build new schools is by reclaiming parks. There is a better way.</p> <hr/> <p>6.3 Yes, I am open to all new ideas that achieve my goals of reducing class size and increasing educational opportunities for all children in Montgomery County.</p> |
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Candidate: Gottfried, Richard



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Hucker, Tom

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Yes, I strongly support high-quality early childhood education for all Montgomery County families. The Kirwan Commission report states "universal prekindergarten is critical in order to give every child a good start to their education." State and county officials must work together to fund this.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 The state must do more to finance MCPS' capital projects. I also support possible public-private partnerships for school construction. I prioritize MCPS' capital needs. I believe my record on the Council shows that I have often prioritized MCPS over other County infrastructure projects.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 I strongly support Commission recommendations that will help close our school construction gap. I strongly support giving MCPS more flexibility for site selection to streamline costly review processes, or realize new efficiencies. We must explore any reasonable proposal to help us close the gap.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 We must keep fighting for equity. I supported the 2016 tax increase to invest new revenue specifically to address the achievement gap. I support other measures like screening of all students for accelerated instruction, expansion of immersion programs, and culturally-competent outreach to parents.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 MCPS must improve communication with students and families about important policy changes before they are decided. MCPS also needs to hire more staff who are fluent in all the major languages in our county, and make them available not only in front-line positions at Carver but at the school level.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Hucker, Tom

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| <p>4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is</p> <p>4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?</p> <p>4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?</p> <p>4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.</p> | <p>4.1 Our county has distinguished itself as a community where people can feel safe. I expect MCPS to cherish values of inclusion, compassion, tolerance, opportunity and sacrifice for others. I want to see MCPS' equity initiatives that develop cultural competence in the workforce prioritized and expanded.</p> <p>4.2 Over my career, I have worked closely with scientists, health experts, and researchers. Research continues to show us better ways to educate and protect our students. I carefully consider data and research brought to my attention and I work to ensure our policies are updated for these new findings.</p> <p>4.3 Yes, MCPS needs to strive to fully practice what it preaches with respect to student nutrition. We've made positive changes to school vending machines, and made progress on school lunches. We should also more fully incorporate nutrition into our health education curriculum.</p> <p>4.4 I've been proud to support full funding for important programs in this area. We still need more trained clinical social workers in our schools. I also support expanding wellness centers, day long mental health seminars and partnerships with organizations like EveryMind or other support groups.</p> |
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5. Safety

Answers

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| <p>5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments</p> <p>5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?</p> | <p>5.1 MCPS must better communicate and work with MCPD. MCPD should work with the police union to develop a package of incentives to attract young new officers. MCPD could also rotate new recruits into SRO positions so that they're exposed to the issues in our schools.</p> <p>5.2 [No response requested]</p> |
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6. Growth

Answers

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| <p>6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?</p> <p>6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?</p> <p>6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?</p> | <p>6.1 One of my priorities is funding to increase capacity and lower class sizes. These are two areas critical to addressing the achievement gap, and achieving equity. I will continue to prioritize investments of county funds in these two areas and I'll advocate for increased state contributions as well.</p> <p>6.2 Yes, on the Council I've consistently considered impacts on MCPS growth from land-use decisions. I support any changes to consider school land as a priority public amenity. We also need to work more with property owners to consider partnerships, like P3s and land swaps, that would benefit MCPS.</p> <p>6.3 Land acquisition is important in some areas, but I don't think a dedicated fund is necessary because the county has a significant inventory of properties to consider. The Council and Planning Board have been successful in recent master plans in prioritizing and identifying sites for land dedication.</p> |
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Candidate: Jain, Ashwani



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Jawando, Will

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Making 0-5 child care and early childhood education both affordable and accessible is a priority. We must increase the subsidy in order to create a viable, and affordable network of trained, quality providers. We can fund by re-prioritizing county budget

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 School construction cannot be de-prioritized, as we add students at a pace to fill a new high school annually. We need new revenue and not cuts; impact fees imposed on developers, or reprogramming the existing budget to make schools a priority, are two ways to finance MCPS capital needs.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 In certain cases, yes. We should be creative in our problem-solving, but not to the detriment of our students, our taxpayers, or to the ability of MCPS to meet its obligations. Each of the Commission recommendations should be Montgomery County standards, but I am open to their review.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Put resources in the schools where they are needed, particularly "wrap around" services, such as pre- & after-school programs. Reduce class sizes & add more in-room resources. MCPS can better promote certain schools (like Springbrook HS, which has the info-tech program) as pathways to better jobs.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 Find better ways to reach working and low-income families, particularly immigrant families and people of color. Be available during post-work hours.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 I have been committed to tolerance and diversity my entire life. As the son of an immigrant father and a single, working mother, I know what it is to grow up both poor and black. I've worked on these goals while in the US Senate & the Obama Administration, & through my community nonprofit.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Jawando, Will

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| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 Most of these particular issues in the question are related to public and student well-being and safety. These are standards that should be determined in collaboration between MCPS, teachers and parents. Each student is an individual, and that must be recognized while setting standards. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 Yes, they do need better integration, both in general and practical knowledge. I'd like to see students not just learning about better food and diet, but preparing and eating better, healthier foods. We could match MCPS and the F&ND with our own MoCo Ag Preserve's farmers to buy local foods. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 I am fully committed to not just preserving, but potentially expanding, counseling and mental health services for MCPS. We should have a counselor in every building. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 It appears there is cooperation between MCPS and MCPD. But I'd like to learn more about that. I do want to make sure our SRO staff are trained for cultural awareness, and identifying potential problems before they arise, as well as current threats to school safety. |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 [No response requested] |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 The reality is that keeping pace with this growth will cost money, and will require flexibility and creativity. But I believe we can meet our goal having a world-class public school system in MoCo. We need to make school spending a budget priority, and consider new sources of revenue. |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 Schools and affordable housing should both be top of mind for examining land-use proposals, and we should require developers to partner with the county in funding new school construction, particularly in high-impact areas. |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 Yes. |

Candidate: Katz, Sidney A.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Katz, Sidney A.

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 I support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents, and there is certainly a role for the County to play. The Council has been looking at different proposals for how we fund universal pre-K, and I am eager for the Council to move forward on a solution.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 I'm concerned about the amount of debt that Montgomery County carries, and I have been working to lower the amount of debt service that the County pays each year while maintaining and not harming MCPS capital projects. By spending less on debt, we can use those dollars for capital improvement needs.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 I strongly support incentives to drive state and local collaboration to allow for opportunities as described.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 We need to be doing all we can to support students, especially those who need additional assistance. An important component of the performance gap is the lack of universal pre-K, and I support finding a way to fund universal pre-K as well as increasing our career education possibilities.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 MCPS should ensure that communications are accessible in multiple languages and through multiple means - written correspondence, emails, phone calls, and on the web. Students and parents should have numerous opportunities for interaction and feedback from teachers and the administration.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 It is of the utmost importance that all of our students feel welcome. There is no place for hate speech in our schools. I am proud to live in a place like Montgomery County that celebrates diversity. I am committed to working with our schools to ensure all students are respected and valued.



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Candidate: Katz, Sidney A.

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in the areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?	4.2 MCPS has a wide range of policies and regulations to address each of the areas above. These regulations should be reviewed regularly to ensure that they are current.
4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?	4.3 Yes. Quality nutrition is imperative for good health. Nutrition also impacts a student's alertness and readiness to learn. There needs to be complete integration with food services as to the choices available so that students can have nutritional meals at school and make healthy choices.
4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.	4.4 We need to do more to serve the mental health needs of students. I am the lead on Behavior Health for the Justice System on the Public Safety Committee, and I was instrumental in bringing mental health courts to Montgomery County. I also serve on the Board of Directors for Cornerstone-Montgomery.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments	5.1 I believe that MCPS and the police department are working well together and having a School Resource Officer in each high school has been very successful. I attended a few hours of SRO training a few months ago and was impressed with the police officers who are directly involved in our schools.
5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?	5.2 [No response requested]

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?	6.1 I have been involved in raising the tax rate only twice in my 39 years in elected office. When the Council voted to increase property taxes, I knew it was necessary to do so to reduce class sizes. As the County has faced a budget shortfall, I have been a strong advocate against significant cuts.
6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?	6.2 Yes. The failure to provide appropriate staging for development serves no one's interests in the long run. The two most important categories of staging are school capital investment (including need for new schools) and road/transit improvements.
6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?	6.3 Yes, I would be very open to having this discussion.

Candidate: Lipscomb, David V.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Musser, Penny

Office: County Council District: At Large

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

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1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

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1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

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2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

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3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

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3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

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4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

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Candidate: Musser, Penny

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? 4.2

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? 4.3

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. 4.4

5. Safety Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments? 5.1

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? 5.2 [No response requested]

6. Growth Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? 6.1

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? 6.2

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? 6.3

Candidate: Navarro, Nancy



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Navarro, Nancy

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Quality, accessible and affordable, Early Care and Education is the best possible investment we can make in a child's life. This is a Federal, State and County issue, because the biggest barrier is funding.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 Debt Service is the 3rd largest spending category in the County's budget. This is why we increased recordation taxes to add funds for school construction. Innovative school designs, boundary changes, opening closed schools, etc. will be needed.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 yes

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Lower class sizes, diversify staff, expand dual language programs, mandatory cultural proficiency training, additional PPWs, PCCs, counselors, Community schools, after-school programs with strong parent engagement component for low-income students, STEAM opportunities for all students, BELL prg.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

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4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 MCPS is a diverse system. This is not a novelty, this is a reality. So the institution must respond to the needs of its students, through policy, training, diverse staff, and zero tolerance for those who are not able to provide an excellent education to a diverse student body.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Navarro, Nancy

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4 We need more counselors, PPWs, and PCCs that can work with HHS and CBOs to provide a comprehensive mental health supports to our students.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 SROs can be an asset to our schools. The new MOU and on-going training will go a long way in providing the best preparation and match for school assignments.

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2 [No response requested]

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

6.1 Big challenge. We continue to fund MCPS generously, while debt service grows and sources of revenues remain flat or decrease. We must embrace an aggressive Econ. Dev. strategy, to expand our tax base, although many want to stop growth altogether. Hopefully, the State will increase their state aid.

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

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6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 We have made school sites the top public benefit. I am definetely open to further discussing ways to achieve this goal.

Candidate: Oldak, Regina "Reggie"



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Rice, Craig L.

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Yes. It should be funded by both. 65-35 split state/county

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 We need additional funding form the State. The current split on avg. is 83/17, County/State. This is unacceptable. We should never pit our projects against each other but school overcrowding should not take a back seat to anything.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 All means all via Jack Smith. That means no more bias, more support, more teacher autonomy, more innovation, more support of programs like MSP etc...

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 Linguistically and culturally competent communication is a must. And showing them the value of an education is how you get students and families engaged.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 Students have a hard enough time facing the challenging curriculum and an ever changing world. We need to make sure all they need to focus on is school. as with my landmark bullying bill back in 2008, the tenants are the same. no one should feel as though they don't belong.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Rice, Craig L.

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| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 We should promote policies that protect our kids from what we know may be a danger to them and support them when they need help. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 Yes. We have supported this at our MC Food Council. It already has had an impact and will continue to do so through revamping of menus and access to physical activities. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 All students may need support through access to counselors and mentors and we should be providing that to them. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments? | 5.1 I think the MOU and relationship is strong as evidenced by the recent Clarksburg HS incident. I think the MOU ensures we have the best officers currently in place but we can always strive to revisit the MOU and make it better regarding cultural competency and the latest training methodologies regarding |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 [No response requested] |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 Fully fund the MCPS budget as a first step. |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 It should be in the top considerations |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 No, I don't believe in walling off money as it has never served an entity well. Just look to the State as an example. Supplant vs. Enhance |

Candidate: Riemer, Hans



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Riemer, Hans

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Yes, early ed should be accessible to all; today it is largely unaffordable. We should start by investing in Pre-K for low income children, combining County, State, and Fed money. I have successfully increased County investments in Head Start and Child Care Subsidies and will keep pressing for more.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

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2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 Unfortunately the County must reduce its borrowing but the question is how fast. I proposed a slower reduction but the council didn't support it. Even as we reduce our borrowing, we can maintain or increase our investment in school construction by making them a higher priority in the capital budget.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes I would support incentives to drive collaboration between state and local governments. If there is a better way, we should implement it. The Council recently passed positive changes to how MCPS spends construction dollars, resulting in our funds being used for much more high priority projects.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 A start would be sufficient funding for quality pre-k for children who do not have access to quality programs today. Sufficient funding to reduce class size and support targeted programs is also essential. More support for paraeducators is another key need.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

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4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Riemer, Hans

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| 4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is | 4.1 It is imperative to create a climate where all children can feel safe, respected and valued. That is why I have always stood up for progressive values and fought against efforts to demonize or exclude immigrant communities or minorities. Elected leaders must continue to set the tone for inclusion. |
| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 Digital safety is a crucial topic, and MCPS must do more to educate kids about how to behave online and how to stay safe. This should be part of the curriculum. The Council does not have much influence over these areas, they are Board of Education. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 Yes, MCPS should do a better job promoting health and nutrition and encouraging students to eat their fruit and vegetables. The Council has pushed to remove junk food from vending machines. I support finding a solution to bring more local produce into the schools. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 I have supported new investments in MCPS to pay for mental health and counseling services, and I will continue to do so. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 My understanding is that the SRO program works well, but it could always be improved. |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 [No response requested] |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 As a Council member I have voted to increase school construction funding in every budget, to record highs. My record and my commitment to schools is clear. The County's investment in school construction has grown substantially during my time on the County Council. |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 Yes, when schools in a planning area have capacity issues and the county does not have ready options for re-opening schools, acquiring land from private property owners should be a high priority. |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 I would consider any funding request for land from MCPS. If MCPS requests an "ALARF" type fund (Advance Land Acquisition) I would support that. |

Candidate: Riley, Michele



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Skolnick, Shelly

Office: County Council District: At Large

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Initially, the State should fund pre-K for children who will qualify for free meals at school. Funding would be from the State's gambling income.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

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2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 Yes. MCPS needs to be more efficient with its schools. Some actions would be (a) more summer school for students who are below grade level, and (b) volunteer aides for teachers with large class rooms.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Free tuition for Montgomery College students who volunteer as teacher aides in the MCPS.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 Provide more time (such as evenings and weekends for meetings between teachers and parents

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 Support for diversity and inclusion in our schools should be by the policies and practices of the MCPS.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Skolnick, Shelly

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? 4.2 I prefer such regulations by MCPS -- rather than by the State or County governments.

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? 4.3 Such education should be by the example of the food provided in the school breakfast and lunch meals.

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. 4.4 I support increased budgets for such services.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments 5.1 My perception is that the MCPS and MCPD have a cooperative relationship.

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? 5.2 [No response requested]

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? 6.1 I am proposing free tuition at Montgomery College for students who volunteer as teacher aides in the MCPS. This addresses the large class sizes that are financially inevitable.

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? 6.2 Yes.

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? 6.3 yes

Candidate: Smith, Jarrett



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Willard, Tim

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

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1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 I support universal pre-K. It has been shown to pay for itself by reducing child welfare and criminal justice costs, lowering spending on special education. I would favor paying for it with a sliding scale tuition for wealthier families.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 Reducing General Obligation bonds was necessary to maintain the County's AAA bond rating. The County's debt has been increasing rapidly in an effort to meet the needs of rapid, poorly planned growth did not account for needed infrastructure. Without a better growth policy schools will suffer.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 With needs growing and traditional GO bonds constrained we should look into both alternative methods of funding construction such as authorized by the Public School Facilities Act and new ideas for school construction that save money such as multi purpose building that would house other agencies.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 The achievement gap in schools is worsened by the limited availability of programs. Information is available to parents who know how to go find it, and application processes are cumbersome. MCPS needs to expand the capacity of choice programs and to improve outreach to underserved communities.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

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4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Willard, Tim

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is 4.1

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? 4.2

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? 4.3

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. 4.4

5. Safety Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments 5.1

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? 5.2 [No response requested]

6. Growth Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? 6.1

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? 6.2

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? 6.3

Candidate: Berliner, Roger



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Elrich, Marc

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 I'd try to reach 2-4 year olds: the earlier the better. It's a statewide issue but counties will contribute. We should act regardless of state funding because the outcomes justify it. I'd look at increased revenues from casinos, combined reporting, and expanded liquor revenues to help fund it.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 We should fully fund the MCPS capital requests. I've proposed taking money from Montrose Parkway to fund schools this year. I'll look at increasing school impact fees and increasing facility payments when schools are over capacity. We shouldn't approve development where we can't fund the schools.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 I'm interested in innovative design & construction & how others address construction codes. I'd ensure short-term savings don't increase long-term maintenance costs. Other systems build standardized schools - we don't & that costs more. We should not charge permitting fees for our own buildings.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Schools have to match funding to the needs of the students. I'm hoping to introduce a racial equity lens to evaluate how the county spends operating and capital dollars and would want MCPS to join us. We have to consciously evaluate how our decisions impact those affected by them.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 We may rely too much on sending flyers home without certainty that parents can read or students can interpret. We need more personal contact - calls at the least, and home visits for important topics. Community schools may be best-suited to build links and engage families and students.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 I'd ensure teachers have the skills to foster a positive school climate. I also have a plan to diversify the workforce by implementing a pipeline from middle school to the Universities at Shady Grove, which would help make our teaching and counseling staff more reflective of the student population.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Elrich, Marc

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| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 Regulations and policies should be research-based or science-based to the extent possible. Once we “know” something, our policies have to embody that. Students’ environments shouldn’t expose them to health risks and should be supportive of their mental health and physical wellness. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS’ Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 Students should be educated about the relationship of food to their health and wellness. School meals should be a lot healthier than they are (when I taught, there was way too much sugar and starch) and I’d like to see a conscious policy of using locally sourced food when possible. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 I’m very concerned about the inadequate number of counselors and school psychologists. Their caseloads are far too large, and they don’t have time to identify, let alone work with, all the students who have needs. We need to see more funding in the school budget to support these positions. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 I think communication and an understanding of their respective roles has improved. Officers now are more focused on building trust and relationships with students than they were. I think a good interview process - so we can find officers who want this assignment - is more important than incentives. |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 [No response requested] |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 Class size isn’t small. I would strictly tie growth to the ability to provide classrooms without penalizing schools that have long been in the queue (as the Bethesda placeholder will do). I’d tighten standards for defining overcrowding and I’d increase impact fees to fully cover needed classrooms. |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 Yes, school land should be a top amenity. What we adopted is weaker than earlier policies - e.g., White Flint 1 actually designated a school site. The “new” policy doesn’t guarantee we get a site; by the time a project triggers a capacity need, the project may not have a suitable school site. |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 Yes. I would also revise cluster and individual school capacity definitions (120% of capacity is too high), require payments whenever schools cross 100% of capacity, and set impact fees at 100% of school cost as built out (including desks, finishes, books, computers, etc.). |

Candidate: Ficker, Robin



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Ficker, Robin

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 [No response requested]

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 [No response requested]

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Yes. This is a state-county issue. The money should come from both. But, with the county running a deficit, something will have to be cut. What? County's return on its reserve, health benefit and pension returns has been miserable with the stock market up 50% over the past year. Reexamine.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 The MoCo delegation has NOT been doing its job with only 12% of state construction funds for our 18% of students. We need our fair share. Debt service is already the third largest part of the county budget.

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 [No response requested]

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Sure, but first MoCo must get its fair share of state school construction money. 12% for our 18% of state students is not enough.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Supplement with Saturday and summer classes for those who need extra help. Challenge all children to achieve above their comfort zone.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 Have good well-paid teachers who are proficient at communicating with students and families.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 I am the only candidate for County Executive who has defended more than one case in Maryland Courts as a defense attorney and I have defended 35,000+ since 1972. How can these other people be serious about individual rights with no experience in Court?



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Ficker, Robin

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| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 I would like to see every student run or walk a mile every school day for health and wellness. Too much sitting. Digital access in schools can be limited technically. Block the porn sites. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 Diet at the schools can be affected by cafeteria menu choices and elimination of junk food dispensers. An active physical education program during and after school will help alot. Inculcate nutrition education into such activities. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 Strong. But reducing class size is my top priority. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 Our police department knows best how to recruit and train officers. I'd let them do their jobs. Monitor the cameras in schools. |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 [No response requested] |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuing capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 Our legislators are getting only 12% of state school construction dollars for 18% of the state's students. They seem more interested in securing money for Baltimore City's schools than Montgomery's. They need to ensure we get our fair share as I shall do. |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 Yes. I recently sat with a citizens panel looking at school site choices in Silver Spring-Takoma Park. Having citizens adivsory groups who know the area best is a good idea. |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 Yes. |

Candidate: Frick, Bill



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Acevero, Gabriel

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 A budget is a moral document and it says a lot about our priorities when we cut funding or don't fully fund our schools. With our growing enrollment, I'll work to secure much needed funding for MCPS and ensure that our county gets as much state dollars to meet the enrollment needs.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 I support the current House and Senate Bills to amend MD's Constitution to address this loophole. Our schools have \$2.9billion in unmet needs and I'm committed to fighting until as much revenue from state-sanctioned casinos are allocated to the ETF.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Yes. If elected I'll continue to advocate for early childhood education. I believe it should be funded by instituting a carbon tax as well as closing corporate tax loopholes. Further, ECE should be included in state and county budgets as public education is both a state and county priority.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 I support the autonomy of local school boards and if elected, I'll work with my colleagues in the General Assembly to strengthen legislation that empowers local elected boards to make decisions within their remit that are best for their respective school systems.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 Yes. If elected I'll advocate for fair and equitable distribution of education funds to meet the needs of our school system. We can achieve this by working with Chamber as well as Appropriations/Budget committee leadership to ensure state capital funding matches our school system's population.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes. Collaboration and seeking better options for school construction is an excellent start; so long as that collaboration reflects the input and direction of the communities our schools serve.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Teacher student ratio--we must ensure class sizes are smaller and more manageable so educators can meet the needs of every child and provide quality instruction. Further, we need diverse educators in the classroom who are able to work with various students in harnessing their academic potential.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 Greater collaboration with the MCCPTA as well as the broader community to ensure seamless communication with and amongst parent and students as well as the dissemination of pertinent information.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 I believe our schools should reflect the communities it serves. One way to foster a climate of cultural sensitivity is to be intentional about the voices we include in that conversation. Creating safe spaces and having courageous conversations about diversity and tolerance is key to achieving that.



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Candidate: Acevero, Gabriel

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| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 Regulations should be used as guidelines for administrators to act accordingly. I think it's important to implement applicable regulations but also allow for flexibility so as to avoid impeding a child's educational experience. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 [No response requested] |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 I'll work to ensure every school in our county and across our state has a counselor as well as work to increase funding for mental health statewide. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 [No response requested] |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 Yes. I support SB132 which establishes penalties for individuals who knowingly fail to report child abuse to relevant authorities. It is incumbent upon us to protect our children. |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 Securing as much state funds for school construction; recruiting as well as retaining quality educators and support services staff to meet the needs of a growing school system. |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 [No response requested] |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 [No response requested] |

Candidate: Ahmed, Anis



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Barve, Kumar P.

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 17

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 As a member of senior leadership, I would never accept a Kirwin Commission report that would propose decreasing funding for any jurisdiction in Maryland. Regardless, I am committed to ensuring that MCPS has the resources it needs to support our student.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 I support the proposal to create a constitutional lockbox ensuring that gaming revenue does not supplant existing funding commitments.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 I believe we should implement universal pre-K. As with other educational programs, this should be a joint state/county effort.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 I support local autonomy and I defend local decision making with respect to calendar issues.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 Our lower share of state funding reflects our higher per capita wealth. For example, although we have 18% of the state population, we have almost 25% of the state wealth. Regardless, I will continue to fight for more money for MCPS.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 I support the Knott Commission recommendations, which include additional flexibility for local jurisdictions in school construction funding.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Universal pre-k is key to closing achievement gaps. As stated earlier, I support this.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 I support all efforts at outreach toward underrepresented communities.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 For eight years, I was a senior member of the House Ways & Means Committee and during that time (and since) I have always supported policies to respect students regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation and gender identification.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Barve, Kumar P.

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? 4.2 At the state level we need a strong emphasis on health, wellness and safety in new statutes and board regulations.

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? 4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. 4.4 I support a 250:1 student to counselor ration to improve mental health services.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments? 5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? 5.2 Yes, absolutely.

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? 6.1 As a state legislator, I don't have oversight over local budget decisions. However, I will continue to work for greater resources to ensure that MCPS has the capital and operating funds it needs to serve our students, teachers and parents.

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? 6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? 6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Carr, Al



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Carr, Al

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth? 1.1

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed? 1.2

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue? 1.3

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates? 1.4

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities? 2.3

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential? 3.1

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families? 3.2

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is 4.1



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Carr, Al

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

6.1

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Charkoudian, Lorig



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Charkoudian, Lorig

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 20

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 The delegation will need to fight to keep funding to meet the needs of our growing and diverse population. This will require educating our fellow delegates from other counties about the reality of challenges for many MCPS students and the funding required

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 Yes, casino revenue should supplement not supplant the Trust Fund. I fully support the constitutional amendment to require this. I also support increasing the percentage of table game funds that go to the Education Trust Fund.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Yes. As part of the new formula, the State should fund universal access to pre-k for 4 year olds, and means tested access for all 3 year olds.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 There is a role for guidance from the State on some issues, and local school systems should determine how to implement them

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 I will advocate for an increase in the overall budget for school construction and for MCPS to have access to increased amounts, as the total amount of capital funding increases.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 I support flexibility and streamlining the approval process and opportunities for cooperative purchasing. I don't support decreasing the prevailing wage requirements. To support all children to be successful, we need their families to have livable wages in a just economy.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Ensure that the new formula includes universal pre-k for 4 year olds and means tested for 3 year olds, access to summer and after school enrichment programs for all children, restorative practices, community schools, cultural competency training, and small class sizes.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 MCPS should use a range of communication tools to ensure that parents have an opportunity to participate in major policy changes.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 Commitment to diversity and inclusion needs to be reflected in all aspects of the school, including curriculum, extra-curricular activities, and special events. The great diversity in our schools creates an excellent opportunity for students to learn and celebrate many cultures and experiences.



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Candidate: Charkoudian, Lorig

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?	4.2 Standards related to health and wellness (physical and mental) as well as school food and air/water quality, can be strengthened but must be accompanied by sufficient funding. In particular, I see great opportunity to improve school nutrition through connections to local farmers and gardens.
4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?	4.3 [No response requested]
4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.	4.4 I support a trauma-informed approach across the board, including sufficient funding for mental health services.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments	5.1 [No response requested]
5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?	5.2 Yes. Those who fail to report should be fined and, in some cases, lose a license.

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?	6.1 I will advocate for formula changes to support small class sizes, when the legislature takes up the Kirwin Commission recommendations in 2019. I will advocate to make sure MCPS gets its fair share of operating and capital funding.
6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?	6.2 [No response requested]
6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?	6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Cook, Jon



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Cook, Jon

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed? 1.2

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue? 1.3

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates? 1.4

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities? 2.3

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential? 3.1

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families? 3.2

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is 4.1



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Cook, Jon

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

6.1

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Cooper, Jordan



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Crutchfield, Charlotte

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 19

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 Any such recommendation should be rejected. Contributions should not be reduced; indeed, they should be increased. Education is that important. Without a quality education system, the economy will suffer, drug use and crime may increase and quality teachers/administrators will not be retained.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 It was implied to voters that the funds from the casino fueled Education Trust Fund would be distributed only to state school funding. It is time to make this promise real and create legislation that will ensure that this funding is directed as intended to the Education Trust Fund.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Yes, funding for this begins with the revenue generated by the casinos who are taking in millions and millions of dollars. This is a county and a state issue. More to the point it is an issue that needs to be addressed now.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 Local school board autonomy should not be infringed upon. My candidacy is endorsed by School Board members Shebra Evans and Jeanette Dixon, I trust them to make decisions that benefit MCPS students, parents and teachers. I would support legislation to retain local school board autonomy.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 Yes, MCPS is the only Maryland school district that has shown significant increased yearly student enrollment. Current formulas for school funding must be recalculated to include other factors and variables to include yearly data and other anomalies.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes, we should encourage any and all efforts for creative approaches to locate State funding to support school construction.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Communicate to all families about all available programs. Shift/move school resources where most needed. Universal Pre-K. Invest in new school construction. Ensure all students eat a healthy breakfast.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 MCPS priorities should focus on equity in communication about access and opportunities to all available school programs.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 MCPS education leaders must clearly articulate zero tolerance policies against hate. Teachers and staff must receive education/training in cultural competencies. Cultural heritage must be taught and valued in the school. Students speaking other languages should be valued and encouraged.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Crutchfield, Charlotte

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? 4.2 Policies and regulations can be created to ensure the readiness and wellbeing of students for the learning environment to include physical and mental health, etc.

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? 4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. 4.4 I am very committed to ensuring adequate mental health professionals. One suicide is too many.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments? 5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? 5.2 Yes, we have a duty to educate and protect students. Such a law is consistent with that mandate.

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? 6.1 My children both spent a year in classroom portables due to the growth in student population at their school. I am very committed to advocating for resources that meet and exceed the needs of the growing student population.

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? 6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? 6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Cullison, Bonnie



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Cullison, Bonnie

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 19

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth? 1.1

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed? 1.2

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue? 1.3

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates? 1.4

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities? 2.3

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

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Answers

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Cullison, Bonnie

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

6.1

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Currier, Nuchhi



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Day, Bill

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 16

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth? 1.1

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed? 1.2

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue? 1.3

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates? 1.4

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities? 2.3

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential? 3.1

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families? 3.2

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is 4.1



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Day, Bill

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

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6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Dayhoff, Justin



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Domenici, Helen

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 19

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

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1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates? 1.4

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities? 2.3

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

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4. Health and School Climate

Answers

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Domenici, Helen

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

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4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4

5. Safety

Answers

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5.1 [No response requested]

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6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

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6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Dorrance, Kevin



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Dorrance, Kevin

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 14

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

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2. Capital Improvements

Answers

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2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Dorrance, Kevin

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

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5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

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Answers

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6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Dumais, Kathleen



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Dumais, Kathleen

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 15

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 We should strongly object and make it clear that given our diverse and growing population, Montgomery County will not be short changed.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 Increasing casino revenues should be used to supplement (not supplant) funding for education. I support the pending legislation that will ensure the casino funds are in a lock box for education.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Montgomery County is and has always been a leader in education. I support early childhood education. It is a State and County issue for funding.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 I strongly support local support board autonomy, as do the majority of the legislators. It is the Governor that seems to think local autonomy does not matter.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

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2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 The Montgomery County delegation continues to focus on this issue. It is important that the total available for school funding increases for the state as a whole and Montgomery County in particular.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes. I would support such measures.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 This is an issue that we all grapple with. Improving availability of education and skill training for teachers is critically important so that they have the skills and tools to reach all students.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 Improving access to education should be the focus.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 Ongoing discussions in the classrooms focusing on cultural diversity and inspiring students to speak up and address inequity will foster a safer environment.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Dumais, Kathleen

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? 4.2 Regulations can help direct teachers and administrators to encourage students in these areas.

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? 4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. 4.4 This is critically important. Continued funding for school counselors at all levels must be supported.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments? 5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? 5.2 I believe supporting educators through training regarding reporting abuse will be much more effective.

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? 6.1 I will continue working with House Leadership to increase funding for school capital projects.

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? 6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? 6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Espy, Jaye



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Fenati, Patricia

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 14

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth? 1.1

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed? 1.2

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue? 1.3

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates? 1.4

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities? 2.3

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential? 3.1

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families? 3.2

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is 4.1



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Fenati, Patricia

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

6.1

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Franks, Ron



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Fraser-Hidalgo, David

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 15

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 If that is the recommendation we will need to put in a bill to change the formulas to protect our schools. We will need to build support with other delegations like Baltimore City did a few years back.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 Yes, there is a bill in this session that I support which creates a lockbox.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Yes. The funding should come mostly from the State but everyone needs to work together to get it done, we can't just look at the upfront costs without taking into account the long term return on investment.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 ?

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 Yes. Capital funding is done by IAC (?) we need advocate for the proper formulas to ensure we get our fair share.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes so long as the results bear out. We don't want to make choices now to save money that end up costing the county much more down the road.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Smaller class sizes, investment in ESOL, focusing on not just the hours the child is in school but after school programs. As well as making sure the parents get support they qualify for.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 Make sure that every parent and child are able to clearly understand the communication is the first and most important thing

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 have supported many bills that seek to foster inclusiveness and protect our students from hate.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Fraser-Hidalgo, David

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| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 We need to make sure policy keeps up with technology. the prevalence of smart phones is a huge distraction in the classroom that if we need state action to keep the focus on learning I will support. I also am a strong proponent of physical education and after school sports. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 [No response requested] |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 Trained counselors need to be supported and State investments must be made to make sure every child in MCPS has access. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 [No response requested] |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 Yes There is a bill this session that I support, HB 500 which will bring Maryland in line with the 48 other states. |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 [No response requested] |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 [No response requested] |

Candidate: Frieder, Amy



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Gibbs Watson, Verelyn

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 39

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed? 1.2

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue? 1.3

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates? 1.4

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities? 2.3

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

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4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is 4.1



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Candidate: Gibbs Watson, Verelyn

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

6.1

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Gilchrist, Jim



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Gilchrist, Jim

Office: House of Delegates District: Legislative District 17

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

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1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates? 1.4

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

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3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

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Candidate: Gilchrist, Jim

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

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6. Growth

Answers

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6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Haffner, Julian



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Halverson, Laurie

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 15

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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1.1 The response should be to very strongly oppose any reductions. I would stress reports such as the Maryland Education Funding Adequacy Study by APA that was presented to the Commission which recommended for MoCo, \$16,197 total cost per student versus the current \$10,824.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 It really upsets me that families were misled by legislators to believe that voting for casinos in our state would mean more money for our schools and now there is a bill to target the money for schools??? I support targeting the money for schools but casinos were a bad idea in the first place.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 I support expanding QUALITY Pre-k for students from families who are struggling with meeting basic financial needs. This is a shared issue with the state and county and should be a priority in funding for both entities.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 I support local control as much as possible. Our legislators often like to appeal to family heartstrings to pass bills without understanding the consequences. This happened last year when they passed a law to change the federal ESSA law without consulting MSDE and now MD falls 48th on accountability

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

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2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 Yes, our delegation must work smarter to gain more funding. Our Baltimore delegates have garnered special deals and our MoCo representatives have supported these deals while shortchanging our own county.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 I am open to new ideas, but would make sure that I am transparent and communicate what I'm learning with the community. Some of our biggest problems in Montgomery County happen when there is a lack of communication. I have a track record of being open and honest with PTA members.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 It starts with having a relationship with our education leaders at the county and state level and working together to meet my constituents' needs. It is extremely important to talk with MCCPTA, the Parents Council of NAACP and other parent groups before acting on legislation.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 When I was VP of Educational Issues with MCCPTA, I emphasized from the start of Common Core curriculum, that parents need access to the curriculum. I still don't think it's easy for parents to have this access.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 As a MD State Board member, I worked on a committee to educate families and staff about suicide prevention and human trafficking. With MCCPTA, I co-chaired the 1st anti-bullying policy, advocated for SROs, portable



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Halverson, Laurie

classroom safety, building safety, pedestrian safety, & understandable report cards.

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| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 MSDE and DHMS work together to establish standards and guidelines for Maryland schools. They are quite general and much is left to the local school systems. I would work with MCCPTA if they want changes made at the state level, but most of the changes would occur at the local level. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 [No response requested] |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 I have always been a strong supporter of mental health support in our schools. School counselors and psychologist positions should never be on the chopping block in the MCPS budget, but often are. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 [No response requested] |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 Absolutely. I have talked with advocates Jennifer Alvaro and Susan Burkinshaw and I would support adding this legislation to protect our students. I am surprised this hasn't become law in our state and this would be one of my first priorities if I am elected State Delegate. |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 That's a tough one. Ike Leggett acknowledged at a recent town hall that MoCo policies are a magnet that has fed our fast growth. The people being attracted aren't all taxpaying citizens & gang activity has increased. MoCo dollars from wealthy have been lower than expected, hence we have a problem. |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 [No response requested] |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 [No response requested] |

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Hernandez, George Ivan

Office: House of Delegates District: Legislative District 17

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Hernandez, George Ivan

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4.3 [No response requested]

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5. Safety

Answers

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5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

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6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Jacobs, Harvey

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 15

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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2. Capital Improvements

Answers

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2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

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3. Communication and Addressing Equity

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Jacobs, Harvey

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

6.1

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Jenkins, Marlin



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Kaiser, Anne R.

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 14

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 Education funding at its core is a partnership, between: the state and county, the county board and superintendent, and the superintendent and principals. As Ways & Means Chair and Kirwan Commission member, I will work to ensure that funding formulas protect and promote those who need it the most.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 Yes. As Chairman of the Ways & Means committee I am currently worked with House leadership to ensure just that. We passed legislation to put a referendum on the ballot – in order to ask all voters this same question.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Local decision-making should be central to any expansion of pre-K. We need to expand smartly. Doing so before infrastructure, or staffing is in place would be foolish – as is hastily entering a public-private partnership. I support a measured expansion starting with kids who need it most.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 As Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee I am one of the key decision makers in education policy. There is a vital balance to keep between state prerogatives and local control and this guides my every decision. I intend to maintain that balance should I be returned to the House.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 First - encourage members of the State Delegation to elect a Delegation Chairman willing to make school funding a priority. The leadership in our delegation has increased capital funds for our county schools. We also have to be honest about funding expectations – those who have more should pay more.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes, education funding is a partnership and one that should help those who first help themselves.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 The state has 2 annual requirements: to pass a balanced budget and to provide a free and appropriate education to all. I have made it my life's work (and will continue) to ensure that no matter a child's zip code, or their parents income bracket, they can receive a quality education.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 My record reflects an ethic of ensuring diversity and cultural sensitivity. As a member of the LGBT community I think "tolerance" is an out-dated notion – no one should be merely tolerated. Our state's commitment to



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Candidate: Kaiser, Anne R.

inclusion and diversity starts first with our youngest Marylanders.

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.2 Carefully. Great data make good decisions more likely. Good decision-making usually precipitates better outcomes.

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4 My legislative record reflects a strong belief in the role of school counselors. I have been a supporter of the need for more counselors, greater access to them, and protecting and promoting their key role in the success of every child. I have no intention of slowing down on that front.

5. Safety

Answers

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5.2 The easy answer is yes. The harder one is to say, I think we need to look at whether those we expect to report are fully trained to do so, whether the outcomes have been fully considered and what other support structures need to be in place before we can make that change most effectively.

6. Growth

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6.1 is intimately linked with a child's chance of success in the classroom. I have made ensuring a quality education for all Maryland's children the center of my legislative work and I will continue to do just that should I be returned to the House of Delegates.

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Candidate: Kelly, Ariana



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Kelly, Ariana

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 16

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3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential? 3.1

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families? 3.2

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is 4.1



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Kelly, Ariana

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

6.1

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Khan, Hamza Sarwar



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: King, Marc A.

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 15

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 The county delegation must develop a startagy to counter any proposal for the reduction in funding to county schools and beprepared to present their own justification for increased funding.The Kirwin Commision and its recommendations win be behind "ground truth in MCO.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 Yes. Legislation in existance and new legislation must be implemented to insure that revenue from Casinos go into a Lock Box which cannot be raided for other funding requirements.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Yes. This is a county issue and I would make tradeoffs such a the \$69M Liquor Control Board budget to help county residence fund early childhood education.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 I support local school board autonomy with the Board responsible to the voter that it serves. Legislation to block interference with local board decisions would be supported in the State legislature.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 This needs to be brought into balance with ground truth. MCO has experiece a surge in student populabo not only through normal growth but from some questionable policies regarding immigration law. Regardless the facts arre the facts and we must recieve that funding to insure education for all.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 School Choice, availability of School Vouchers, Charter Schools are all viable proven solutions giving parents back the control over their Childs education.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 Stop teaching them their is a diference. Most grow up not recognizing cultural differences till it is taught in school. MLK had it right The content of character not color of skin...



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: King, Marc A.

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?	4.2 Require additional staff training to recognize and respond to physical and mental health conditions inside the schools. Do not subordinate the obvious to the politely correct. On digital safety and WiFi exposure work with State and Federal officials to get a definitive answer to prob.
4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?	4.3 [No response requested]
4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.	4.4

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments	5.1 [No response requested]
5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?	5.2 No. Too easily abused.

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?	6.1 I am committed to insuring that all students in the county are afforded a quality education despite some of the boneheaded policies of the County Council that creates this dilemma. Capital projects to expand and create new facilities and quality staff hires to teach.
6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?	6.2 [No response requested]
6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?	6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Korman, Marc



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Korman, Marc

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 16

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 Such legislation would be dead on arrival. The leadership of both chambers is aware of this and such a bill would not be brought to a vote. If it were to happen for some reason, Montgomery County legislators should vote no. But at this point we are working collaboratively to prevent any such bill.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 Yes, but there needs to be a transition to absorb the changes in the budget that this switch would require. Returning to the deal the voters thought they were getting is the right thing to do and good for our schools.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Yes, but there needs to be a transition to absorb the changes in the budget that this switch would require. Returning to the deal the voters thought they were getting is the right thing to do and good for our schools.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 I would support legislation to give local school boards firmer control of their calendars. However, there is a role for state oversight and input into our schools more generally.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 We have made great progress in remedying this disparity by creating the enrollment growth capital program. We need to continue that steady progress by increasing that grant. We can also look at alternative funding mechanisms similar to Baltimore City's approach allowing for increased bonding.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes. First, Montgomery County already has a robust school construction program that makes many state functions duplicative and costly. Second, as mentioned above, I would like to see a Baltimore City like funding approach.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 This is a significant issue. We need adequate funding and, particularly in high poverty schools, significant wraparound services. In general, the state needs to do more for high poverty schools rather than school districts.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 One issue I have tried to work on--thus far without much success--is helping our schools diversify their staff and faculty to better reflect the student population. That will help families feel more connected to MCPS.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 As mentioned above, one way to do this would be to diversify our staff and faculty. Montgomery and Howard have some programs in this regard but these need to be brought to scale. Cultural competency training would also be appropriate.



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Candidate: Korman, Marc

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?	4.2 In general, I would defer to local school board decisions on these issues based on broader healthy and safety guidance from appropriate state or federal agencies.
4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?	4.3 [No response requested]
4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.	4.4 This is a significant issue. There have been several suicides in my district in recent months. We need to adequately fund and staff counselors and ramp up partnership efforts with private groups, such as NAMI's Sources of Strength Program.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments	5.1 [No response requested]
5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?	5.2 In general, I am skeptical of any status quo that does not follow the lead of 48 other states.

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?	6.1 Perhaps the number one issue I have worked on in Annapolis is school construction and growing both the overall amount of funding and Montgomery County's share of it. As described above, increasing the enrollment growth grant and innovative financing are two approaches we can take to the issue.
6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?	6.2 [No response requested]
6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?	6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Lande, Marc



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Lopez, Lesley J.

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 39

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 As a delegate, I will strongly oppose any reduction in State contributions to MCPS. My mother was a public school teacher for 31 years and I recognize the importance public school funding.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 Yes. I strongly support legislation for casino funding to be directed towards public school capital investments, teacher salary and benefits, and ensuring that support personnel positions are filled and replaced as needed.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Yes, I strongly support making early childhood education accessible and there are multiple studies about the importance of early education in the development of children.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 I strongly support local school board autonomy and disagree with the Governor's stunt to start school after Labor Day. As a delegate, I would support legislation that provides local school boards with autonomy over issues like start and end-dates for schools.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 Yes. The funding formula clearly penalizes MCPS and our public schools have been succeeding despite insufficient investment. We need to pursue legislation that affects the funding formula so that there is a direct relationship between students and funding

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes. I strongly support efforts that would drive State/local collaboration to allow for additional funding for key projects. Education works best when we think local and I would support concepts like this that provide autonomy to localities when it comes to funding key projects.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Every child must receive high quality and effective instruction to meet his or her potential. Montgomery County is one of the most ethnically diverse counties in the country. We need to offer instructors and students adequate resources and training.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 Coming from a diverse background myself, this is an issue that is near and dear to my heart. I grew up in an immigrant family and saw firsthand that a quality education is the foundation for success and the pipeline to a middle class life. School must be a place where children can feel safe.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Lopez, Lesley J.

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4 I am committed to ensuring adequate mental health counseling services for MCPS students. We need to invest in quality counselors at schools able to work with students to achieve positive outcomes.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

6.1 Yes. Montgomery County needs to ensure that it receives its fair share from the state so that we can ensure that we can compensate our teachers competitively and continue to recruit new teachers.

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Love, Sara



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Love, Sara

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 The delegation must fight back. Our schools are overcrowded and our teachers need support. With an addition of 2,500 new children a year, a student population that includes 17.5% ESOL, 11.7% special education, and 35.1% FARMS, we need more money from the state.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 Yes. Voters originally voted for the casinos - "slots for tots" - with the understanding that revenue was going to go to schools. That promise must be fulfilled and the state must allocate that money to the schools.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Yes. It is both: it is a state issue because it is something all the children of Maryland deserve, and something that must be funded by the state. It is also a county issue because the County will have to manage and fund it. As to funding, I would work with colleagues to find the money.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 We should respect the local school boards. Governor Hogan's unilateral decision to move the school dates was wrong. I would work with colleagues to determine whether legislation is warranted to ensure local school board autonomy.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 Yes, it should be remedied. For this reason, and the reasons above, we need more state funds - both capital funds for construction as well as operating funds for the support needs our students & teachers have.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes. Collaboration with the state & local entities for our schools always should be the case. I already have good relationships with our state delegation, county council members and many candidates, so am ready to collaborate to find such incentives and opportunities.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 We can go a long way towards closing the education gap with early education. We also need to ensure children have food; the services they need at school; and good teachers. Again, so much of this comes down to funding. We also need to help children be both college and career ready.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 My experience with MCPS has been that there is very good communication between the schools and families. We need to support schools' outreach in the way that reaches families.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 While at the ACLU of Maryland we fought to protect students' First Amendment rights, from starting clubs to connect with others, to not standing for the Pledge, to using the bathroom of their gender identity. Students must feel safe, valued and respected for who they are.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Love, Sara

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| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 Regulations should be promulgated with the insight and experience from those in the schools, parents and officials. We should not over-regulate and we must ensure that there is a measure of local control, but we also need to set standards for our students' well-being. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 [No response requested] |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 Mental health support services in our schools is essential. I support ensuring we have the resources for these services. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 [No response requested] |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 Yes. We must ensure our children are safe and that those in a position to report, do. |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 I am a parent at Pyle; I understand overcrowding. If elected, my commitment would be to work on this: to advocate for funding from the state, to work with the county officials on identifying and activating new sites, and to work with families to ensure their concerns are being heard. |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 [No response requested] |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 [No response requested] |

Candidate: Luedtke, Eric



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Luedtke, Eric

Office: House of Delegates District: Legislative District 14

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 I doubt the Kirwan Commission will propose a decrease in funding for any jurisdiction, and am committed to ensuring that MCPS has the resources it needs to support our students.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 I support Delegate Maggie McIntosh's proposal to create a constitutional lockbox ensuring that gaming revenue does not simply supplant existing funding commitments.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 I believe we should implement universal pre-k. As with other educational programs, funding universal pre-k should be a joint county/state responsibility.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 I support local school board autonomy and as Chairman of the House Education Subcommittee have been a defender of autonomy on issues such as calendar decisions. But I believe that decisions regarding autonomy will need to continue to be made on a case by case basis.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 Our lower share of state funding reflects our relative wealth, and in the interest of ensuring good schools for all kids in Maryland, that shouldn't change. But I believe we need to aggressively pursue special funding to address the current backlog of projects similar to the program in Baltimore.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 I support the recommendations of the Knott Commission, which include some innovative ideas for school construction funding. I support any and all efforts in the direction of such innovation.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Universal pre-k is key to closing achievement gaps, but I also believe we need to do more to recruit the best teachers and incent good teachers to stay in the classroom, and strengthen reading screening and intervention in the early grades.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 I support the concept of participatory budgeting and efforts at outreach to underrepresented communities.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 As a former teacher, and Chair of the House Education Subcommittee, I have consistently argued for strong school and district level policies to prevent bullying and improve the capacity of schools to support social and emotional learning.



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Candidate: Luedtke, Eric

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? 4.2 At the state level, we need a strong emphasis on health, wellness, and safety in new statutes and board regulations.

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? 4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. 4.4 I've sponsored legislation to make mental health more available in schools and support a 250:1 student:counselor ratio.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments 5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? 5.2 Yes. It is long past time.

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? 6.1 As a state legislator, I don't get to make local budget decisions, but I will continue to do everything I can to ensure that MCPS has the capital and operating dollars it needs to provide for students.

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? 6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? 6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Luest, Helga



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Moon, David

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 The Montgomery County delegation should fight any recommendations to reduce state funding for MCPS. We are growing faster than the rest of the state's school systems combined, with perhaps the most complex combination of student needs (eg: ESL, FARMs, special ed, etc).

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 Yes, I'm a cosponsor of HB 1697, which creates a constitutionally protected lock box for school funds generated by casinos. The promise of gambling was to increase, not displace school funding. I also voted against SB 496 (2017), which gave casinos \$2 million a year from the Education Trust Fund.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 We should phase in universal pre-K, starting with those who cannot afford it, funded through progressive taxes (eg: reinstatement of millionaires' tax bracket, repeal of estate tax cut, closing combined reporting loophole). This is a state & county issue, but the state has more revenue options.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 The state has a responsibility to ensure quality education across the board, but that does not mean we should override local decisions for unrelated purposes, like tourism development on the Eastern Shore. I support overriding the Governors decision on school days to restore local control.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 MCPS receives the most raw dollars for school construction, but given our enrollment growth, these funds don't meet our needs. This should be remedied by implementing progressive tax rates on residents & corporations who just received an unjust federal tax cut from the Trump administration.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes, the state & county should collaborate on innovation in school construction. Other jurisdictions have tested reforms, such as modern construction designs that minimize cost & explored shorter life cycles for facilities. Given the difficulties in funding our needs, a pilot might be in order.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 We live in a segregated county, and our schools bear this out. We need to make tough decisions to raise funds, and we must ensure they are distributed to schools with the greatest disparities. Additionally, it's time to recalibrate consortia programs & boundaries that reinforce this segregation.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 With at least 1/3 of students with foreign-born parents, MCPS should take great care to provide parents translated materials. Additionally, the system should be proactive in acknowledging the participation gap between communities.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 Fostering a positive climate is an ongoing responsibility reinforced through periodic training that acknowledges internal discrimination. This includes disparities in discipline, choice of classes, gifted programs, tracking & more. We also need more support staff, counselors & anti-bullying efforts.



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Candidate: Moon, David

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| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 Regulations should prioritize public health over cost, when we have evidence that students may be harmed. The use of artificial turf and school meals laden with chemicals & sugar, are examples where we can do better. I tried, for example, to pass a bill to remove additives from MCPS school lunches. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 [No response requested] |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 With our growing enrollment, we need to grow our support staff. It's unreasonable to believe we can detect & respond to students needs without reducing our counselor to student ratios, and we need to raise the funds to do it. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 [No response requested] |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 Yes. I am hopeful we can finally pass a bill this year, as the State Senate just approved a version of this bill. |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 I am committed to continue watch-dogging for bills that drain our budget & hamper our ability to fund school construction. With a huge annual deficit on the horizon, you can't be both for school construction and also vote for these revenue cuts (eg: trickle down tax cuts). |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 [No response requested] |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 [No response requested] |

Candidate: Morales, Marice Ivette



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Ostroff, Michael A.

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth? 1.1

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed? 1.2

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue? 1.3

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates? 1.4

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities? 2.3

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential? 3.1

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families? 3.2

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is 4.1



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Ostroff, Michael A.

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

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6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Palakovich Carr, Julie



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Palakovich Carr, Julie

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 If this scenario occurs, we should push back as a delegation. Montgomery County has real needs: we have a FARMs rate of 35% and an ESOL rate of 17%. Montgomery County is the economic engine for the state and our schools are in the state's interests.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 Yes and this policy should be enacted into state law. Marylanders voted to allow gambling so that some of the revenue would be directed to schools. Although the Education Trust Fund is being for education, the share of general fund monies spent on schools has dropped from 21% in 2011 to 18% in 2017.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 The benefits of universal pre-K are clear: kids develop social and cognitive skills that allow life-long success. Yet, many low-income kids are not enrolled in high-quality programs. We need leadership from the State and the County to make pre-K available to families who can least afford it.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 School year calendars should be decided by local school boards, not the Governor. Longer summer vacations contribute to student "brain drain," especially for low-income students. I will push for the General Assembly to return this authority to school boards.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 Government works best when it has everyone's interests at heart. Montgomery County can afford to help less affluent parts of the state. But there are inequities among the wealthier counties. Montgomery County shouldn't receive less school construction funding than wealthier Howard County.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes. During my tenure on the Rockville City Council, we have provided testimony in support of this commission's report. New ideas should be encouraged as a way to drive down the cost of school construction.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 We should implement the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission, such as universal pre-K, increasing support programs for low-income families, measuring school readiness for incoming kindergarteners, and creating an early warning system to identify students that are falling behind.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 Given that my son is not yet enrolled in school, I cannot offer any first hand suggestions. I am, however, very interested to hear what parents, teachers, school administrators, MCEA, and MCCPTA prioritize.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Palakovich Carr, Julie

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 I believe that diversity makes our community stronger and that we should celebrate that diversity in all its forms. In my position on the Rockville City Council, I authored a resolution celebrating our diversity and called for a town hall on diversity, which was held in 2017.

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.2 Our schools should be held to high standards in order to provide the best education to all of our students. MCPS should use whatever tools are most appropriate to accomplish these goals.

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4 We need to ensure that students have adequate access to counseling and that they feel comfortable talking about mental health issues, such as anxiety, depression, or suicidal thoughts. The recent student forum on this topic shows that there is much room for improvement.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2 Yes. Maryland should join the rest of the country in protecting our children. The legislation sponsored by Senator Lee passed the State Senate unanimously in 2017, so I am hopeful that this change in law can be enacted.

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

6.1 Montgomery County has the second highest growth rate in public school enrollment in the state. Many public schools are bursting at the seams and there are outdated school facilities that need renovated to provide a safe and accessible learning environment. Our students and educators deserve better.

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Pasti, Dave



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Pasti, Dave

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 Reductions to funding from the state would place an unreasonable burden on Montgomery County taxpayers. What is most essential is that the total amount MCPTS receives from the state not decrease – thus either triggering a reduction in school support or an increase in takes (or realignment of the budget) within MC. We actually need to increase our funding!

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 To use these funds for schools places education in the paradoxical position of promoting gambling in order to advocate increased school funding. However if it is used as a source of funding it should clearly be supplemental and not replace other funding streams.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Providing pre-K programs in MCPS should be secondary to meeting other important needs to the schools. If it is provided it should be done as an optional program for families that wish to offer it, but offered first to families in poverty.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 While in general I advocate driving decisions down to the level closest to the people as possible, as long as the state provides significant funding for MCPS they will have some interest in ensuring that certain academic and other standards are met by the local schools.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 I do believe we are not getting our fair share back from the State. Our school population continues to grow and the formulas should be adjusted.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes!

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 The most important factor is the quality of the teachers working with students in poverty – we should ensure that teachers who desire to work with these students and exhibit the skills needed to do this well, are among the most highly compensated teachers in the county and that they have all necessary resources to do their jobs well.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 Individual teachers should be the most important link for ensuring good communication.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 Basic respect for others. Administrators, teachers and other district officials who do not exhibit this should be disciplined and if that doesn't help fired. Also, principals need to stress students treating each other with respect and



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Candidate: Pasti, Dave

dignity as they work to establish positive school climate and positive student behavior.

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.2 The question doesn't reference what regulations are being considered and therefore it is difficult to answer. But I would certainly be in support of high standards in all of these areas.

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4 Adequate Mental Health and counseling has become much more important, especially with the increased concern over school safety. Our school system in Montgomery County is well ahead of the rest of the State in this area. To answer this question, I would say I am very committed.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2 As a lawyer, I am aware there can be a fine line between client confidentiality and revealing important information. But I believe the important of reporting is greater than the cost of not reporting and a penalty for not reporting has become increasingly necessary.

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

6.1 As described in Article VII of the state constitution one of the essential duties of the General Assembly is to "establish throughout the State a thorough and efficient System of Free Public Schools." The Assembly must follow through on this basic responsibility.

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Paul, Samir



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Qi, Lily

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 The Montgomery County delegation should fight against any reduction to state contributions to MCPS. We live in a rapidly changing community with 1/3 students in MCPS schools receiving free & reduced-price meals, our students cannot thrive with reductions

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 I believe that when casinos were approved in 2008, it was a mistake to not directly tie school aid to casino growth. I would support legislation keeping gaming money tied directly to school systems to meet the need for additional funding.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 I support universal Pre-K for Montgomery County and all of Maryland. I believe it can be funded by increased gaming revenue and should be a State issue as many counties will not be able to absorb the cost.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 I support local school board autonomy and believe that local leaders with deep community ties understand community issues better than anyone else. If elected I would support the MCEA and local school boards in their recommendations.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 This gap in funding needs to be remedied in order to serve our overcrowded schools and changing student base. I would push for more funding, explore tax increases on cigarettes, and lock-box funding of gaming revenue.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 I would support incentives to drive State/local collaboration in school construction. Overcrowded schools are a major issue in District 15 and I would support any steps to remedy the situation.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 I believe that expanded and more rounded ESOL programs, implementation of restorative justice, moving away from expulsions, and enacting community school principles will help all students regardless of their background succeed.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 I support community schools that serve as a safe space and source of pride for communities. By providing schools that act as the corner stone of communities we can improve communication with students and families while simultaneously helping students of all backgrounds.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 As an immigrant and professional who has worked in cultural competency, I know the importance of students feeling comfortable in MCPS. I have spent much of my career educating on the power of diversity and would support programs that teach students respect for themselves and others.



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Candidate: Qi, Lily

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? 4.2 Testing should be implemented to make sure we catch and provide help to any students facing physical, mental, or wellness concerns.

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? 4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. 4.4 All students deserve access to mental health and counseling services. In a county that has seen a spike in racial and gun violence in our school system, I support providing and expanding counseling services to all students

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments 5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? 5.2 Maryland should join the other 48 states in enacting failure to report laws. Our students should feel like teachers and administrators are supportive figures in their lives.

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? 6.1 I commit to securing Montgomery County's fair share of school funding from the state to meet the growing demands of our school system.

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? 6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? 6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Queen, Pamela



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Queen, Pamela

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 Members from Montgomery County on the Kirwan Commission are fighting for greater funds for our county. In addition to the extraordinary enrollment growth, funding for increases in low-income families/FARMS students and growth in ESOL students warrant additional funds.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 Casino funds should be supplemental. State legislators will need to out guidelines in statute; and to fight against any Governor who fails to fully fund our schools.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Universal pre-K is a proven approach to improve education of all students. Collaborative efforts between state and local legislators is needed to achieve access for all students in Montgomery County.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 State legislators, especially from Montgomery County are working to introduce legislation to allow jurisdictions to have greater flexibility with end of school year due to current Governor's school start date mandate.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 In the past few years, state funding for Montgomery County has increased due to the enrollment growth and increases in pockets of poverty in Montgomery County. More efforts are needed to obtain parity in funding formulas for Montgomery County.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes, I support new ideas and approaches to obtain greater state funding and foster collaborative efforts at state and local levels.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 I support initiatives like community schools to engage more stakeholders, increased in-school gifted and talent programs, and more options with CTE and career ready options.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

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4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 I support efforts to have cultural exchange days integrate into classroom instruction - make/eat a special dish; wear cultural dress; dance, learn another language, trips/ outings that celebrate and highlight cultural differences - underground railroad, Holocaust museum, visit mosques



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Candidate: Queen, Pamela

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| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 I support use of "best practices" that are tailored for a given environment, but have standard objectives based upon core values of inclusion, access to technology, public safety, and quality outcomes. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 [No response requested] |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 This is an area in which more resources are needed . I support greater use of ACES evaluation and awareness of impact of trauma for teachers, counselors, and school administrators |

5. Safety	Answers
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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 [No response requested] |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 The State legislature is looking at "failure to report" laws, especially in response to recent issues of abuse of children. |

6. Growth	Answers
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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 State legislators are working with local entities to keep pace with this increase in enrollment with new and expanding schools, not only teacher to student ratios, but also counselors and special resource aides to meet demands. |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 [No response requested] |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 [No response requested] |

Candidate: Ransom, Paul



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Reznik, Kirill

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 The Delegation has been diligent to ensure Kirwan formulas are fair to MCPS. The Chairs of the respective committees are from Montgomery, and we are working to make sure the ultimate legislation works for Montgomery County, as well as the rest of the State. We will not allow a reduction to MCPS.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 We are addressing it currently with the "Lock Box" legislation that will guarantee casino revenue is a supplement to Education. This legislation will phase in the revenue in order to address our funding gaps.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 I do support it, and believe it should be a combination of State & local funding, because we will need to address access and space, as there is not enough space to provide for early children education. Working with the locals, we should be able to address both operating and capital needs.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 The operating principles in Annapolis has always been to leave curriculum decisions (of which I include start and end dates) to the local Board. Unfortunately, Governor Hogan has chosen to ignore that tradition, putting businesses above education, and that needs to end.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

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2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 I have never been a proponent of equating percentages to funding. We much get the funding we need, not match funding exactly to population. I have worked very hard to maximum the capital dollars that come to MCPS, and I intend to continue to do so.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Absolutely. The Knott Commission should be implemented Statewide, and we need to find creative solutions to our capital problems. However, nothing supplants hard dollars leveraged at the State level, but we much have flexibility and creativity in this process, and State and locals must collaborate

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Making sure we have access to the necessary resources, allowing for maximum autonomy at the local level, and limiting testing, and maximizing skills and critical thinking based education.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 It should be a utmost priorities, both because students and families are MCPS' "customer" and also because an involved family helps to foster a better educational environment.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 Tolerance is a minimum standard. We need to see each other as equals and value what each person brings. Inclusivity and value must be incorporated into curriculum and daily activity so that each student and family can feel



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Candidate: Reznik, Kirill

that they are part of the process and a greater piece of the whole.

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.2 State regulations needs to be adopted with advise and consent from local decision-makers. Each school district is different and may require a different approach. That being said, healthcare regulations at the State level, must also incorporate the opinions of health care providers and experts.

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4 I have been committed to expanding access to healthcare, especially mental healthcare, throughout my legislative career. Making sure adequate counseling exists at MCPS, will guarantee a more healthy population after graduation.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2 Yes. It is everyone's responsibility to make sure our learning environment is safe for everyone. Too many have fallen through the cracks because of a failure to report.

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

6.1 I have worked diligently in the Appropriations Committee to maximize capital funding to Montgomery County. We are a growing system, and that is how we have prioritized our needs. At some point, this may shift, but right now we need capacity (especially if we fund early childhood education).

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Schaerr, Martha

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 19

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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Candidate: Schaerr, Martha

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4.3 [No response requested]

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5. Safety

Answers

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5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

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Answers

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6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Shetty, Emily



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Candidate: Shetty, Emily

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 18

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 I commit to working with the delegation to ensure MCPS receives the funding it needs to account for its annual enrollment growth. Specifically, I want to correct the school construction funding formula to include, as part of the consideration, the projected growth in the county's school system.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 If elected, I would support legislative efforts to ensure casino revenues be used to supplement and not supplant, appropriations to the Education Trust Fund, as standalone legislation, or as part of a larger budget package.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 I support universal pre-K. To fund, I'll strongly advocate for increased taxes on: those earning over \$500K & MD corporations, inheritances on millionaires and cigarette sales; expand the sales tax to online purchases; close the country club loophole; and new taxes on marijuana sales, if legalized.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 I believe the school calendar must be made locally, free from the political forces of state-wide elected officials. If elected, I would work with colleagues in Annapolis to pursue autonomy for local school boards to make decisions in the best interest of their local community.

2. Capital Improvements

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2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 I support correcting Thornton to weigh costs of students who require additional resources; provide funding for public pre-K for all 4 year olds; include a projection of growth for the district; & direct additional resources to districts with a disproportionately large number of low-income students.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 If elected, I would support many of the recommendations, including incentives to drive state/local collaboration. In the absence of a budget surplus allowing for direct investments to meet the needs of all of our schools, we must seek policies to meet our school construction needs.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 I have a passion for student support services. I believe they have a positive impact on our student's educational quality. We must have more wrap-around support services to benefit all students. This will ensure teachers can focus on teaching, while their students receive necessary support services.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 For the county to remain inclusive, linguistically appropriate communications isn't optional. Teachers, administrators, and parents must continue to partner to ensure everyone is aware of changes to policy, funding or procedure, provided in the parents' native languages when possible.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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Candidate: Shetty, Emily

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| 4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is | 4.1 Student-led dialogues are powerful. We have seen high schools in the county conduct these to great success. They draw attention to the importance of these issues. If elected, I would foster and raise the profile of these dialogues, in my capacity as a community leader. |
| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 MCPS can promote physical and mental health and wellness, as well as digital safety, without having to rely on legislation. I will work to facilitate the input of the community so these regulations are powerful. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 [No response requested] |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 I strongly believe every school must have enough funding to ensure we have the right number of mental health professionals. I'd work on incentives for the inclusion of mental health education to reduce stigma, increase awareness, and help identify students in need of help. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 [No response requested] |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 The safety of students is critical. I support requiring suspected cases of abuse to be reported to authorities. In addition, I support strengthening our whistleblower protection laws to ensure teachers & support staff who do come forward & report suspected abuse are not punished for their actions. |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 In order to keep our class sizes small, we must ensure that our state construction formula includes as part of its consideration a measure for projected growth in the school system. If we do not do this, we will always be playing catch up with our construction needs. |
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Candidate: Smondrowski, Rebecca



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Solomon, Jared

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 18

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Candidate: Solomon, Jared

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Stewart, Vaughn

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 19

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Candidate: Stewart, Vaughn

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4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

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5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

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6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

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6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Unger, Darian



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Wilkins, Jheanelle

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 20

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 The Montgomery County Delegation must work with colleagues to ensure that we receive adequate state funding for education. We cannot accept a reduction in funding and must advocate for our fair share.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 I am a proud cosponsor of legislation that will supplement school funding to the education trust fund, instead of supplanting it. The legislation, if passed, will allow voters to decide to "lock" the trust fund and ensure that the funds go to Maryland students.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 I support universal pre-K for all 3 year olds and 4 year olds. I have led legislation on the House floor to advance universal pre-K and I'm a cosponsor of legislation that funds pre-K. Funding pre-K should be via a state and county partnership because of the cost.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 As a member of the Ways and Means committee, which takes the lead on education issues in the House of Delegates, we often tackle issues related to school board autonomy. My approach is to respect the expertise of the local boards. I opposed the Gov. decision on school start=and end-dates.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 MCPS deserves its fair share, and the current funding level is not enough for our growing population of students. This can be remedied by the Delegation working together in coalition and organize for our fair share of funding. I am willing to lead and support this charge.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Montgomery County has a major challenge with adequately funding necessary school construction projects. I believe it's important to have incentives and drive state and local collaboration. I am supportive of trying new ideas to help us reach our construction goals.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 To achieve equity, we must start early with every child having the opportunity to have a strong, early start. In addition, every school needs adequate resources to meet the unique needs of all students. Despite the county's wealth and investment in schools, there is great inequality between schools.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 With such a diverse student population, it's important that MCPS is able to communicate with families in the language they speak. I am the sponsor of legislation that will offset the cost of material translation for schools.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 I believe our schools should have programming that helps students to understand and respect each other's differences. Insensitivity and intolerance is often learned at home and starts at a young age. Our schools can be places where our future workers and leaders learn to respect each other.



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Candidate: Wilkins, Jheanelle

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? 4.2 In order for school standards to be successful, they need to incorporate the strong input and feedback of parents and all stakeholders.

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? 4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. 4.4 I'm committed to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. Schools have difficult choices with limited funding, and mental health services are often cut. I support the Kirwan Commission, which will develop a funding formula to prevent these type of cuts.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments? 5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? 5.2 Yes, Maryland should join 48 other states in enacting failure to report laws because it protects students. However, when implementing these laws in schools I believe it's important to provide adequate training to teachers and personnel.

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? 6.1 One of the biggest challenges for MCPS is our fast-growing student population. It's critical that we implement strategies that help us to keep pace. I support the current effort to revamp our school improvement and construction process, and will work with board, parents and council to solve this issue

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? 6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? 6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Willard, Linda



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Willard, Linda

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 18

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 Over 20 percent of our county's population is children under 18, and Montgomery County schools are growing by 2,500 students per year. Our delegation should oppose any recommendation that reduces State contributions to MCPS.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 Yes, surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos should be used to supplement-not supplant - school funding in the Education Trust Fund. To that end, I support Governor Hogan's \$4.4 billion proposal that would direct casino funds to supplement school funding.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Yes, I support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents. It should be funded with a combination of State and county funds. A strong foundation by investing in the early years would pay dividends in the later years.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 State education policy should not take a one-size fits-all approach. Key decisions such as start and end dates should have an opt out provision for local school boards, as long as the local board decisions continue to meet the required number of school dates set by the state.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 Yes, this should be remedied. Montgomery County should receive state funding commensurate with its student population. Data upon which our share is based should be recent and reflect sharp rises in population (such as if Amazon were to move HQ2 to Montgomery County).

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes, I would support State/local collaboration to allow procedural flexibility with respect to capital projects.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 As mentioned in Section 1., early childhood education is the key to success in school. For older children, I support targeted learning resources and student and family mentoring programs to help children who fall behind in reading, writing and STEM skills.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 At a minimum, MCPS should make parents and students aware of important changes (i.e. funding or policy). Communication should ideally be in the parents' native language, and the schools should ensure that families without computers or smart phones are able to receive messages.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 I am committed to fostering a climate of kindness, empathy and respect in the schools. Good behavior starts at home, so it is critical to get parents involved in these discussions. Punitive measures such as suspension or expulsion should be a last resort.



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Candidate: Willard, Linda

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| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 There should be a clear set of guidelines for health and safety schools that allow for individual school flexibility in how they enforce such guidelines. There should be a partnership between the School board, PTA (parents) and individual school administrators and faculty. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 [No response requested] |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 I am strongly committed to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. Teachers and coaches, who often see children more during the week than their parents, should not be afraid to refer a family to counseling services. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 [No response requested] |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 Yes, Maryland should join 48 other states in enacting Failure to Report laws. The current system protects teachers and staff at the expense of children. There should be a responsibility on the part of the teacher to report if he or she suspects a child might be abused, threatened, or neglected. |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 I am committed to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth. The best way to do this, I believe, is through wise land use planning involving the school board, State and local officials, transportation planners, resource agencies (such as DNE), and developers. This process should be open. |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 [No response requested] |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 [No response requested] |

Candidate: Zokle, George



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Alzona, Marcus

Office: State Senator **District:** Legislative District 16

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth? 1.1

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed? 1.2

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue? 1.3

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates? 1.4

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities? 2.3

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential? 3.1

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families? 3.2

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is 4.1



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Alzona, Marcus

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

6.1

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Beyer, Dana



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Drozd, Robert

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 The MoCo delegation should always be working to ensure MCPS receives its appropriate share of State contributions. Likewise, the MoCo council should be working to ensure its growth is managed appropriately to maintain a commensurate tax base across its population and businesses.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 The State's share of gaming revenue should have always been used to supplement, not supplant, school funding. Democrats held a veto-proof majority for the past several cycles, yet have not fixed this issue.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Early childhood education should be available to all, benefiting both our citizens and our State's competitiveness. This is a shared obligation between State and County, and funding should also be shared.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 Education decisions are shared between State & County. MCPS has not demonstrated deference to parental concerns. Like many parents, I strongly support the new mandated start date, and resent pushback heard from the education community. Recall MCPS was poised to impose an EARLIER start date.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 Fair representation is a hallmark of my campaign, whether it's funding equity or ending gerrymandering. That said, the State is obligated to best steer funding where it will do the most good for the whole State, while the County - run entirely by Democrats - is free to supplement locally.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 I would support such collaboration. I would also go a step further to encourage private sector collaboration, as well. Public/private partnerships offer tremendous promise to unleash even greater innovation, a value we hope to evoke in our children.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 MoCo needs to generate societal opportunities outside the schools that reinforce the efforts within the schools. Equity can't end at the classroom door.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 Communication must be two-way. MCPS needs to listen as much as it speaks, and accept as much as it rejects.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 Respect, not tolerance, is the key. Tolerance implies an inherent dislike that one simply buries; respect allows one to be open to being wrong. In every supervisory position I've held, equal respect has been the standard.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Drozd, Robert

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?	4.2 Parents must be involved at all stages. Regulations must never be imposed without parental consent. They must not be allowed to interfere with the delivery of education. And, they must be regularly reviewed and assessed to ensure they remain relevant.
4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?	4.3 [No response requested]
4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.	4.4 Mental health is a spectrum, and all too often those who suffer are stigmatized regardless of where they fall on that spectrum. MCPS must ensure those providing mental health and counseling services are themselves fully qualified.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments	5.1 [No response requested]
5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?	5.2 Yes. This is an obligation we all share within society. That said, the legislation must have appropriate safeguards to ensure reporting is not, itself, abused.

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?	6.1 MoCo needs to look very carefully at its long-range planning to manage growth more effectively. Growth must be matched by facilities, staff, and transportation, which require revenue growth and a pro-business model to attract and retain good paying jobs to the region. These issues are all connected.
6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?	6.2 [No response requested]
6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?	6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Feldman, Brian J.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Feldman, Brian J.

Office: State Senator **District:** Legislative District 15

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 The Delegation, the largest in the General Assembly, should refuse to lend support/vote for other priority legislation until a more equitable state contribution level is negotiated on such a critical issue for our County.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 I support a Constitutional Amendment which places MD Casino revenue in a "lockbox" for education. Those Casino \$\$ should not simply supplant current funding levels but should enhance/supplement our funding commitment to education, the only spending priority required in the MD Constitution.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 I support making early childhood education accessible to all residents, which is essential to reducing the still prevalent "achievement gap". This must be a shared State-County responsibility. I look forward to working with MCCPTA to craft a sensible funding source supported by the State and County.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 Each school system is unique and I support the fundamental principle that local school boards should be given autonomy to do their job and be protected from an overreaching State Board of Ed or Governor. In 2017, I supported HB 978, the Protect Our Schools Act, which embodied this principle

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 The County Delegation continues to gain strength in Annapolis, both in numbers and in leadership positions. The time has come to revisit the antiquated system currently in place for awarding school construction dollars and to replace the system with one that is more equitable to Montgomery County.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 I would support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 I support the establishment of community schools, a research based strategy, which are designed to close opportunity gaps by making school a hub for essential services that students in disadvantaged communities lack.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 Communication with students and families should clearly be a very high priority. I look forward to working with MCCPTA on multi-faceted strategies to accomplish this.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Feldman, Brian J.

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| 4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is | 4.1 I am fully committed to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. A failure to do address these issues can impact the overall well being of a student, including their mental well being and self esteem, which in turn can impact their ability to achieve their full life potential. |
| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 To address these issues holistically, whether it be physical health, mental health, access to technology, youth employment or nutrition, the creation of community schools through regulations where the school can serve as a hub for all these essential services makes a great deal of sense |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 [No response requested] |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 As the Chair of the Senate subcommittee with jurisdiction over all behavioral health issues, I am fully committed to ensuring that all MCPS students get the mental health and counseling services that they need. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 [No response requested] |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 Yes. I supported SB 135 during the 2017 Session, a Failure to Report bill similar to what exists in the other 48 states. |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 I am fully committed to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small. I have been endorsed by the Montgomery County Education Association and the Maryland State Education Association based, in part, on my voting record and positions on this very issue. |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 [No response requested] |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 [No response requested] |

Candidate: Jeang, David



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Jeang, David

Office: State Senator **District:** Legislative District 19

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 See if the legislation is a redistribution of state funding to other counties or simply a cut. If the former, make a key examination of the county education budgets to determine the commission's reasonings and amend legislation if necessary to ensure no lasting damage. If the latter, firmly oppose.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 Yes, support for the casinos was on the basis that the revenue would go to helping the schools. All branches of MSEA are advocating for HB1697/SB1122, the Fix the Fund Act this year, that will lock 500 million from the fund to direct aid for public schools via a constitutional amendment.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Yes, universal Pre-k allows more economic equality opportunities for poorer families. In my opinion, it's a national issue. Closing tax loopholes in the state and eliminating redundant overhead in the education budget can allocate funding for a state program that targets low income families.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 As a stern believer in decentralization, I support autonomy. I would draft/support legislation that limits the duties of the state education board and encourage more teacher/parent staffing from all locales.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 Yes, as the shortfall is likely a factor that denied full funding for needed teacher raises in MoCo. Two things that can be done is rework the budgeting algorithm to accommodate more proportional to school populations and have neighboring areas (like DC) accommodate for out-of-county students.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes, but to avoid overreach from the state, the state board and task force must have a limit/ratio to the number of non-local officials assigned to each project. All projects must have local hearings with full public disclosure, along with the final approval by the local board as well.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Equity programs should be implemented for rural and poorer school districts so they receive adequate resources and magnet programs should be placed in areas of higher density so as many schools as possible have an even and diverse student/faculty population.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 Town Halls and community forums for education boards should be arranged on at least a quarterly basis for direct dialogue.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Jeang, David

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| 4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is | 4.1 I would strive to implement a school model based on the Inclusive Schools Climate Initiative pioneered by Rutgers University that covers virtually all aspects of diversity, needs, and values. (resources to start with: http://www.state.nj.us/education/specialed/isci/WebsitesReadings.pdf) |
| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 Increase the number of multi-purpose classrooms for curriculum flexibility, create school broadband packages for reliable Internet services while limiting wifi, have school gardens to promote a healthy outdoor culture, and require a certain level of produce in cafeteria meals for healthy eating. |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 [No response requested] |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 Like teachers, there should be a set ratio of counselors. I will work with our state's ASCA branch to highlight counseling in legislation for schools. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 [No response requested] |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 Yes. Rape and child abuse scandals years old that keep blowing up in our schools clearly show corruption and cover-up. |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 I will work with school organizations to pass legislation that will allocate more funding in the education budget to build more schools and set a teacher-student ratio in classrooms. And perhaps explore a morning group and evening group to create a new system that can handle more classes. |
| 6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently boke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? | 6.2 [No response requested] |
| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 [No response requested] |

Candidate: Kagan, Cheryl C.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Kagan, Cheryl C.

Office: State Senator **District:** Legislative District 17

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth? 1.1

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed? 1.2

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue? 1.3

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates? 1.4

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities? 2.3

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential? 3.1

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families? 3.2

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is 4.1



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Kagan, Cheryl C.

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

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5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

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6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: King, Nancy J.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: King, Nancy J.

Office: State Senator **District:** Legislative District 39

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 I firmly believe Montgomery County will receive fair treatment when the new funding formulas are completed. If for some reason we are not treated fairly, it will be up to the delegation to fight for more equitable funding.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 There is currently legislation in the General Assembly to create a "lock box" on casino gaming funds to ensure that those funds go directly to the Education Trust Fund to supplement school funding. I support this legislation and am a co-sponsor of the bill

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 For many years I have been an advocate for expanding Pre-K to all families who wish to attend. It will have to be funded with both State and local dollars.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 As a former member of Montgomery County Board of Education and now as a State Senator, I am acutely aware of the need for local control whenever possible.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 As a State Senator, I am responsible to meet the needs of not only my District, but of the entire State. I will continue to work to ensure that Montgomery County receives fair and equitable capital funding.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 As a member of the 21st Century School Facilities Commission, I have kept an open mind on the various recommendations that have come before the Commission and I support State/local collaboration where feasible.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 I believe that Maryland has an excellent public education system, but I recognize that improvements can be made which is why I sponsored the legislation that created the Kirwan Commission. It is a goal of the Commission to ensure that all students in Maryland receive a high quality education.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 This is not a statewide issue. It should be addressed by the Board of Education.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 Since my time on the School Board I have advocated for acceptance and tolerance. I have supported policies against bullying and would support any policies or regulations that seek to ensure that every student knows their value and importance to the community.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: King, Nancy J.

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? 4.2 This is a broad and diverse range of issues, but I am willing to look at any legislative initiatives that would support student safety.

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? 4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. 4.4 I would support any legislative initiatives that would ensure greater access to mental health and counseling services.

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments? 5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? 5.2 I voted for legislation to enact a failure to report law that passed by the Maryland Senate on February 8th.

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? 6.1 I introduced legislation in 2016 that resulted in additional funding for school systems with significant enrollment growth or relocatable classrooms and I continue to be committed to bringing fair and equitable capital funding back to Montgomery County.

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? 6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? 6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Kramer, Ben



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Kramer, Ben

Office: State Senator **District:** Legislative District 19

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth? 1.1

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed? 1.2

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue? 1.3

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates? 1.4

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities? 2.3

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential? 3.1

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families? 3.2

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is 4.1



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Kramer, Ben

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4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

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5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

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6.2 [No response requested]

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6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Lee, Susan C.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Lee, Susan C.

Office: State Senator **District:** Legislative District 16

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 Our Montgomery County delegation must work collaboratively with other delegations, our County Executive, Council, School Board, Superintendent, MCCPTA, MCEA and other stakeholders to oppose measures that reduce the state's contributions to MCPS and support those to increase funding for MCPS.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 Casino revenues should be used to supplement, not supplant funding in the Education Trust Fund. I am supporting a bill, which via a Constitutional Amendment creates an education funding lock box; thereby requiring casino money to go toward funding above & beyond the state K-12 funding formulas.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Yes, I support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents. Studies have shown that Pre-K has helped increase students ability to be successful academically and in life. I support increased expansion and funding for Pre-K, which is a state and county issue.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 I have and will continue to support polices and legislation to support local school board autonomy, including working with county stakeholders on those efforts, as each county has unique issues and challenges.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 Achieving our critical needs requires our County Delegation, Executive, Council, School Board, MCCPTA, & other stakeholders to work together when going before the Interagency Committee on School Construction. As the governor has the most power on the budget, he must also work with our stakeholders.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 I support legislation and policies with new and creative approaches that will provide incentives to move forward state and local collaboration to ensure our county receives adequate funding for critical school construction upgrades and renovations.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 I support updating and building on the Thornton, Bridge to Excellence in Education. While the Kirwan Commission's final report has not yet been completed, I will support those recommendations that would help Montgomery County meet and exceed its critical needs.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 Improved communication by MCPS with students & families must be a high priority. It benefits all stakeholders and enables families to be better informed on and have input on policies, security and other matters to ensure students' ability to succeed and learn in a nurturing and safe environment.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Lee, Susan C.

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| 4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is | 4.1 I support efforts to expand the Montgomery County Public Schools programs and activities that promote diversity, inclusion, sensitivity, and tolerance. Every student should be respected and feel valued and be able to succeed and learn in a supportive, nurturing, and safe environment. |
| 4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? | 4.2 I have and will continue to support MCPS efforts in setting standards that promote physical and mental health and wellness and digital safety/WiFi. I have supported and sponsored legislation to fight cyber bullying and online crimes against children, including being the lead sponsor of Alicia's Law |
| 4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? | 4.3 [No response requested] |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 I have and will continue to support policies and legislative measures to help MCPS provide mental health and counseling services for students. |

5. Safety

Answers

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| 5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments | 5.1 [No response requested] |
| 5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? | 5.2 Yes, I have supported and sponsored Failure to Report legislation that will protect our children from abuse and neglect. |

6. Growth

Answers

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| 6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? | 6.1 To achieve our goals, I will work with our County Executive, Council, School Board, MCCPTA & other stakeholders when going before the Interagency Committee on School Construction. As the governor has the most power on the budget, he must also work with our stakeholders. |
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| 6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 [No response requested] |

Candidate: Martinez, Alirio E. Jr.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Patel, Dwight

Office: State Senator **District:** Legislative District 20

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates? 1.4

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities? 2.3

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

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3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families? 3.2

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is 4.1



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Patel, Dwight

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

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4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

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5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

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6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Phillips, Al



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Phillips, Al

Office: State Senator **District:** Legislative District 39

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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2. Capital Improvements

Answers

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Phillips, Al

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5. Safety

Answers

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6.2 [No response requested]

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6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Smith, Will



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Smith, Will

Office: State Senator **District:** Legislative District 20

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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2. Capital Improvements

Answers

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2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities? 2.3

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential? 3.1

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families? 3.2

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is 4.1



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Smith, Will

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

4.4

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

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6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: St. Preux, Vardly E.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Waldstreicher, Jeff

Office: State Senator **District:** Legislative District 18

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth? 1.1

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed? 1.2

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue? 1.3

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates? 1.4

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How? 2.2

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities? 2.3

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

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Answers

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Waldstreicher, Jeff

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

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Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

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5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

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6. Growth

Answers

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6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Wang, Josephine J.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Wang, Josephine J.

Office: State Senator **District:** Legislative District 17

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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Answers

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Wang, Josephine J.

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

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Answers

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6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Wilson, David



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Wilson, David

Office: State Senator **District:** Legislative District 15

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities? 2.1 [No response requested]

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Answers

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Wilson, David

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in 4.2 areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure?

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies?

4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.

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5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments

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5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?

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6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small?

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6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans?

6.2 [No response requested]

6.3 SUBDIVISION. In the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, would you support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers?

6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Xin, Hongjun



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Zucker, Craig J.

Office: State Senator District: Legislative District 14

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

Background In June 2016, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, otherwise known as the "Kirwan Commission," was established in order to review education financing formulas/ measures and determine how best to prepare students to compete in the workforce and global economy.

1.1 FORMULAS. How should the Montgomery County delegation to the General Assembly respond if the Commission recommends legislation that reduces State contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) even as it accounts for 40% of Maryland's school enrollment growth?

1.1 We do not have to accept all the committee recommendations. We will not allow a reduction of contributions to MCPS.

1.2 CASINO REVENUE. Should surging revenue from State-sanctioned casinos be used to supplement-- and not supplant-- school funding in the Education Trust Fund? How should this be addressed?

1.2 Yes, I co-sponsored legislation that locks in the funding for public schools. It would be a constitutional amendment further helping to secure it.

1.3 PRE-K. Do you support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents? How should it be funded? Is this strictly a State issue? A County issue?

1.3 Yes, however, it needs to be phased in. I support and co-sponsored legislation that expands early childhood education, especially in underserved areas. Some of this can be funded through revenues we receive from federal action.

1.4 LOCAL AUTONOMY. What is your position on local school board autonomy? If supportive, what measures would you take to ensure State wide office holders cannot infringe on key decisions, such as school start- and end-dates?

1.4 I support local board autonomy. I have co-sponsored legislation that allows local boards of education to extend the school by 5 days under certain circumstances.

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

Background Concerned over the County's debt, the Council voted in October to reduce General Obligation bonds over six years by \$180 million. According to MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, the County's lower spending affordability guidelines will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

2.1 SPENDING AFFORDABILITY GUIDELINES. Do you support this move? What measures should be taken to finance MCPS' growing capital improvement needs— both upgrades to aging infrastructure and capacity expansion? Should school construction take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities?

2.1 [No response requested]

2.2 STATE CAPITAL FUNDING. The Montgomery County Public School System accounts for approximately 18 percent of Maryland's school population, but only receives about 12 percent of state capital funding. Should this be remedied? How?

2.2 The MCPS's capital requests are equal or greater than MD's entire capital budget. Even with these challenges, I am very proud that the District 14 legislative team was able to secure close to \$100 million for schools within our jurisdiction, since 2011. Overall, we need to increase the ceiling.

2.3 NEW CIP APPROACHES. The Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommends trying new ideas or approaches to school construction to provide more State funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. Would you support incentives to drive State/local collaboration to allow for such opportunities?

2.3 Yes, if Montgomery County gets its fair share.

3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

3.1 ACHIEVING EQUITY. What measures should be put in place to ensure every child (regardless of disability, geography, socio-economic conditions, ethnicity, or other factors) receives high quality instruction to meet his/her potential?

3.1 Delegate Luedtke and I sponsored the Protect Our Schools Act. This takes into consideration school environment and focused on less testing more learning.

3.2 OUTREACH. What should MCPS's priorities be in improving communication with students and families?

3.2 I would encourage MCPS to keep open lanes of communication with parents and families in particular prior to policy changes. As a parent of a public-school student that is very important to me and my family.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers

4.1 DIVERSITY INCLUSION. Describe your commitment to fostering a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. Beyond condemning hate speech, please discuss the need to ensure every student feels safe, respected, and valued for being exactly who he/she is

4.1 Every child in MCPS should feel safe and welcome. Given all the negative language coming from the federal executive branch, this becomes even more important. This session I sponsored legislation along with Delegate Kelly that requires age appropriate consent to be taught in schools.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Zucker, Craig J.

4.2 STANDARDS. How should regulations be used to advance school standards in areas ranging from physical and mental health wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure? 4.2 Each school district has different needs and challenges, and it is important that local school districts provide leadership on these issues.

4.3 HEALTH/NUTRITION. Should health and nutrition education be better integrated into MCPS curricula? How might this impact MCPS' Food and Nutrition Division practices and policies? 4.3 [No response requested]

4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. 4.4

5. Safety

Answers

5.1 POLICE/MCPS. What is your perception of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security? What incentives should be considered to recruit the best officers for Security Resource Officer assignments? 5.1 [No response requested]

5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not? 5.2

6. Growth

Answers

6.1 ENROLLMENT. With MCPS enrollment growing at 2,000 to 3,000 students per year, what is your commitment to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small? 6.1 I am committed to working with my colleagues to obtain increased levels of school construction funding that will help keep class sizes manageable.

6.2 PLANNING. The Council recently broke with convention, requiring key development plans to consider impacts on MCPS growth and for Planning staff to review all parcels for new school construction. Should school land be a top public amenity in such plans? 6.2 [No response requested]

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