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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Amano, Lynn

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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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| 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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4. Health and School Climate

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

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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?

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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

Candidate: Docca, Judy

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

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 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]

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 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: Edib, Timur



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Edib, Timur

Office: Board of Education 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 [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! We need to realize the difference between the words "growth" and "development" and change our paradigm of thinking. Focus on vocational education, new funding streams including direct fees on construction projects to internalize infrastructure costs.

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 read the report, same point, the paradigm must change. I will support anything that helps students achieve their goals. We should find ways to engage the business sector in our schools

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 and equality are not the same. Every child deserves to be their own best. That doesn't mean every child should receive the same "high quality" instruction. This is the core of my campaign: vocational education and life skills training are as important as preparing students for college.

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

3.2 Empower neighborhoods so students are ready, willing, and able to learn! Teaching parents about the school "system," by ensuring all understand the words and deeds of the schools. We may need to provide health care, shelter support, or ESOL to families to empower all to be better citizens.

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 When I was an Education Commissioner in Phoenix we worked with the Arizona Republic newspaper to engage parents in education. When I was a legislative analyst I worked on addressing the issues of truancy, pregnancy, dropout, and delinquency. Inclusion is why I am running for the Board.



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Candidate: Edib, Timur

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 not the regulation that matters. We need to empower neighborhoods to create a village of inclusion. It is the shared value that every child has a right to be their best that will guide us. We will foster an environment of mental and physical well being. We will foster positive peer pressure.
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 should teach life skills on how to budget, shop, cook, eat, and exercise. We will teach them know how to read and understand the ingredients, and we will help them learn skills to balance their lives, but we will let critical thinking skills guide them in their choices.
4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.	4.4 This is the core reason I am a Board candidate. It will be 20 years since Columbine next year. After Parkland, we need to do more. We must make sure every member of our community is engaged, and that everyone has the ability to be their best. That includes mental, emotional, and physical well being.

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 It is not the solution and it is not the problem. If we focus on empowerment of the students, we don't need to worry about policing at all. Positive peer pressure works, the data supports it, and I am more about making sure every student is ready, willing, and able to learn.
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 Very High! I will continue to engage neighborhoods to fully appreciate the value of education. By empowering students to be their best will we be able to reduce the expense of government, increase the tax base and the standard of living of our community
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: Ibrahim, Marwa Omar



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Ibrahim, Marwa Omar

Office: Board of Education District: At Large

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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 [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

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

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Ibrahim, Marwa Omar

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

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 [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: O'Neill, Patricia



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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

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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. 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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Candidate: O'Neill, Patricia

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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

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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 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

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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 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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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Pykosh, Paul J.

Office: Board of Education **District:** District 005

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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?

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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: Pykosh, Paul 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

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 [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: Reiley, Julie

Office: Board of Education District: At Large

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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 [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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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

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: Rippeon, Brandon Orman



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Rippeon, Brandon Orman

Office: Board of Education 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 [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 School construction should be a top County infrastructure priority. New development projects like Crown Farm and Clarksburg, etc. must include real money for new school construction, and where appropriate a new public library.

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 believe the entire MCPS system needs reform, I would support trying new ideas to school construction and support incentives to drive State/local 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 Montgomery County is an equitable community, with uncommonly kind and generous taxpayers and homeowners. The "opportunity gap" and "achievement gap" exist because some Montgomery County parents are not doing the things needed to ensure their own child is academically and socio-economically successful.

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

3.2 I think MCPS communicates well with students and families. I support the continuation of current MCPS outreach 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 One of Montgomery County's greatest strengths is its diversity. I look forward to equally serving all its residents. I believe all schools deserve to be respected and valued.



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Candidate: Rippeon, Brandon Orman

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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 using best practices and the highest standards when it comes to safety, health, and wellness. I am concerned about WiFi exposure and I do not support cell phone towers being placed on 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 Health and Nutrition should absolutely be better integrated into MCPS curricula. For a County which boasts of its high level of sophistication and progressive values I am disappointed in MCPS when it comes to this issue. I am not satisfied with the quality and health of the food MCPS serves. |
| 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 topic which has been overlooked for many yrs. It is heartbreaking to see the recent suicides of MCPS students. Mental health is a top priority for me if elected to BOE. I believe students have become too attached to, and dependent on social media. I would like to see students engaged in more real life activities/communications. |

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 MCPS school staff & Police have a good relationship/cooperate well. In recent years MCPS has lowered its standards when it comes to disciplinary action. I disagree with this. It is unfortunate we are having to discuss spending more of our scarce resources on more sch security. School security is an area where poor parenting harms the entire system. |
| 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 New development projects approved by the County government must include a collateralized and guaranteed commitment from the developers to make proper investments in school capacity. |
| 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: Robertson, John A.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Robertson, John A.

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

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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1.4 [No response requested]

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Answers

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Candidate: Robertson, John A.

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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? 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: Silvestre, Karla



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Silvestre, Karla

Office: Board of Education 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 [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 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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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Silvestre, Karla

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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 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: Simon, Laura



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Simon, Laura

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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 It is important to be budget conscious with how we allocate funds and use our capital budget. Projects should be prioritized based on how they enhance the classroom experience. For example, before throwing technology into classrooms we need to fully research the educational value.

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 depending on the incentive.

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 Technology in the classroom must help children thrive and not impede their performance. MCPS has the best teachers in the nation and we have to ensure that they can do their jobs and that there is as much incentive and reward to teaching at each and every academic level.

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

3.2 Communication must be easily accessible for all students and families. Additionally, Students and families should be encouraged to share any and all communication with the school that affects the health and welfare of the child.

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 There should be no tolerance for bullying including cyberbullying. Students should feel supported by the school and feel safe and respected and trust that necessary action will be taken.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Simon, Laura

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 is a health and safety vacuum when it comes to technology. Technology was put in the classroom without a health body advising on all these issues. The AAP of MD and health experts across the state support the MD Dept of Health developing safety guidelines and MCPS should be supportive.
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. Nutrition education needs to follow current science and research. Good Nutrition gives children the fuel to thrive.
4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.	4.4 We need more 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 I have witnessed good cooperation but in light of what is going on across the country with school shootings, there is always room for improvement. We need to do whatever it takes to recruit the best officers to keep children safe at school.
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 Technology is expensive and seductive and may look like a panacea, but what kids need most are engaging and dynamic 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: Sugg, Stephen



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Sugg, Stephen

Office: Board of Education 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

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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 move is troubling. School facilities must be a top priority; officials and the public need to recognize great schools as vital to MOCO's economic MCPS receiving its fair share of state capital needs funding is something that the Board ought to fight harder for in Annapolis.

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 am open to new and creative ways of addressing school construction. However, any incentives and flexibility ought not substitute for adequate core funding for school construction. Too often, I've seen politicians tout tweaks while gutting the core funding needed for long-term results.

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 lags (greatly) in prioritizing physical activity, play, nutritious foods, and related measures that impact learning-readiness and make children healthier and more resilient. Especially low-income children. Addressing such will impact instruction--as I've seen in great schools.

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

3.2 I have devoted much of my career to empowering low-income families. The key is listening--unfiltered, and on their terrain. MCPS doing this more would lift.

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 suggest lifting student voices and fostering their leadership toward all feeling safe, respected, and valued. After the recent tragedy in FL, students there showed us that they can lead now--quite effectively. MCPS students I've met are bright, kind, and represent all walks of life. Empower them.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Sugg, Stephen

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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 MCPS should use regulations and all other means to remedy its dearth of health & wellness promotion (e.g. increasing PE, recess, play, and addressing fast-food-like menu options in cafeterias). This would also aid mental wellness efforts; there is a link b/w physical activity and mental 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 Yes! I have written extensively about a MD school (non MCPS) that leads the nation in this area. School gardens=a start. But more instruction across the curriculum ought to be delivered outdoors & in the community. Truly prioritizing health would require healthier lunch & breakfast choices. |
| 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 ensuring the social and emotional well being of all 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 School resource officers play an important role in ensuring safety, but can also serve as another caring adult advocate for students as well. They should be trained well and given access to training at schools, especially around social and emotional learning of students. |
| 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 Large class sizes harm teacher-student relationships and impact hard-to-measure (yet important) elements of education. Addressing such requires political will; it is a priority for me. Ensuring capacity requires holding officials in Annapolis & Rockville accountable. No excuses. |
| 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: Wolff, Brenda



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Wolff, Brenda

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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 [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 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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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Wolff, Brenda

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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

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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 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

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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 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

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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: Arkoian, Rosemary O.

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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, I do support this. Funding will be a challenge & very expensive. I'd look into Public/Private Partnerships. I think this should be a State issue, not a 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 Yes, I'm concerned about the County's debt. We need more money from the State. The money from gambling/casinos should go directly towards Education, as promised.

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 believe the State needs to provide more funds for all schools. I'd support incentives to drive state/local 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 We need to hire CARING, INTELLIGENT teachers to help ALL students to reach their full potential. We also need smaller class sizes.

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

3.2 MCPS should have free English classes for immigrant parents, so they could help their children with homework and volunteer in their 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 firmly believe that all students need to be treated equally & I have NO tolerance for bullying.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Arkoian, Rosemary O.

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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 needs to be regulations to protect students from physical & mental health problems. Also, students need to be taught safety on all social media. |
| 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, whenever possible, health & nutrition education should be introduced into the curricula. MCPS' Food & Nutrition Div. should collaborate with teachers. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 I feel mental health issues are on the rise & many students suffer from stress & anxiety. I'm committed to helping 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'm in favor of SRO's in all high schools and all middle schools. Perhaps, extra money should be offered to SRO's. |
| 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'm committed to trying to keep class sizes small. Perhaps, hire more aides to assist 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 Yes, school land should be a top public amenity in new development plans. |
| 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'd support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition, financed in part by developers. |

Candidate: Balcombe, Marilyn



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Balcombe, Marilyn

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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, the only way we are going to provide equity in education is to make early education accessible to all. Pre-K should be part of the overall funding formula, funded by State and County general fund. This is a State issue, if the State doesn't agree, the County needs to continue to move forward.

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 understand the spending affordability guidelines impact the capital budget, but we must control the County's debt. School construction should be a priority, however we need to balance schools, transportation and housing to ensure a strong economy to pay for our 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 Yes. We need flexibility, not only in funding mechanisms, but in how we approach our capacity issues. With the growth in school population, we cannot build the equivalent of one new HS every year. We need to think outside the literal box of what we consider to be the ideal ES, MS, or HS.

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 make sure every child entering kindergarten is ready for success. Pre-K and early care and education are both critical to ensure this happens. We need incentives in place to ensure continuity of teaching staff in schools with a higher number of FARM students

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

3.2 We need to make sure we have community liaisons who have language and cultural proficiencies for all our students. We also need to continue working outside MCPS to build partnerships with other programs and services in the County.

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 strongly committed to every child feeling safe, welcome, and secure in our schools and in our community. Before mandating changes, I would need to know what the current programs are in place and talk with parents, teachers and students to identify the changes that need to take place to ensure



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Balcombe, Marilyn

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 Similar to all facets of our society, we set standards and create laws to regulate appropriate behavior.
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 The simple answer is yes, health and nutrition education is a great investment in raising healthy children. The complex answer would depend on what other curriculum would have to be eliminated to make room for this addition. I would support increasing the healthy standards for MCPS food service.
4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.	4.4 I am a psychologist with a Masters in Mental Health Counseling and Ph.D. in Organizational Psychology. I strongly support mental health services for all our students, teachers, and staff.

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 assume there is a strong relationship between MCPS and the Police Dept with mixed outcomes depending on the individuals involved. I agree need the best officers we can find in our schools. I would need to know about existing selection criteria and compensation for SROs before identifying changes.
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 think it is critical for Montgomery County to keep pace and I support increasing capacity throughout the school system. Maintaining a reasonable class size would be a priority for me.
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
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 believe that the school impact fees that developers pay should go directly towards increased school capacity, whether that is land acquisition, new school construction, or expansion and not be diverted to other capital needs in the County.

Candidate: Banach, Richard



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Banach, Richard

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?

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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?

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?

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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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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Banach, Richard

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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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5.2 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

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Barkley, Charles

Office: County Council District: At Large

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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1.1 [No response requested]

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1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

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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]

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Barkley, Charles

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Bennett, Tiquia J.

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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1.4 [No response requested]

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Answers

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Candidate: Bennett, Tiquia J.

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Candidate: Bhatnagar, Shruti



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Bhatnagar, Shruti

Office: County Council District: At Large

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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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 Yes. I am. This is both a County and State issue and as such the program should be funded jointly. Kirwan commission has recommended increase pre-kindergarten expansion grants and the county needs to also invest in this program.

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]

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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. The County Council must allocate more funds for MCPS CIP needs. Work with all stakeholders to demand a fair share of state funding by ensuring the new school funding formula in 2019 works for our public schools and demand approval of Fix the Fund Act. MCPS CIP needs must be the highest priority.

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 should be open minded about new ideas or approaches that can provide more state funds for key project costs or procedural flexibility. I support Maryland 21st Century School Facilities Commission recommendations and would be willing to support incentives to drive State/local 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 There is strong evidence that early childhood education and care, alongside public policy measures to improve the lives of young children, is the highest equity priority. Invest in Pre-k and ensure families have access to resources and opportunities so that every child can reach his/her potential.

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

3.2 Ensure MCPS workforce represents the diversity of students and families of our community. Cultural proficiency training to help teachers overcome cultural barriers and eliminating technical jargon that is difficult to understand

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 climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance so that everyone feels welcome and valued is important for the social and emotional well-being of students. They are more likely to perform better, reach their



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Candidate: Bhatnagar, Shruti

potential and make a positive contribution if there is no fear of being judged.

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 based on supporting student well being and success. They should be used to educate and promote necessary standards of physical fitness, mental wellness and cyber safety. As a former MCCPTA board member, I have led initiatives and community conversations on these topics.

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. Studies show that garden-based learning has a positive impact on learning; it improves students' attitude toward school and bridges language and cross-cultural barriers. Practices & policies should be evaluated regularly to adapt positive changes & support student well being, learning & success

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

4.4 I serve on the commission of Montgomery county children and youth and as the ambassador for Asian American Mental Health working on Mental health as a priority. I am committed to making sure that there are adequate resources to support community based mental health and counseling services accessible

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 of cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department to advance school security is positive. Every HS is supposed to have SRO's. Incentives - free training so officers can hone skills they already have or develop new skills that can make them more effective SRO's.

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 committed to supporting the most critical needs of our students and schools. I will work closely with all stakeholders to advocate for state funding to meet CIP needs and resources needed to keep class sizes remain small. As a former MCCPTA board member I have that experience.

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. All stakeholders must work together and be committed to supporting the Capital improvement needs of our schools. I would encourage land developers to invest in schools.

Candidate: Branson, Cherri L.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Branson, Cherri L.

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?

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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?

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

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Branson, Cherri L.

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

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Brooks, Brandy H. M.

Office: County Council District: At Large

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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1.1 [No response requested]

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1.2 [No response requested]

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1.4 [No response requested]

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2.2 [No response requested]

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Brooks, Brandy H. M.

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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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Carozza-Caviness, Craig

Office: County Council **District:** At Large

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

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3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Carozza-Caviness, Craig

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

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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: Colbert, Ron



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Colbert, Ron

Office: County Council District: At Large

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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 PRE-K should be afforded to all county residents. Studies have shown that early education is very beneficial to the learning growth of students. In my opinion, the county budget is strife with fat and should be able to cover the costs coupled with an increase of funding from the trust fund

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 council just cut 55 million without much effort, if this can be done why was the money there in the first place. As I mentioned before, there is much fat in a budget, this amount could have built an elementary school!! This is where I would start. We could start with looking at the 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 Innovation is not only needed for maintenance and new construction but also in the classroom. By attempting to work with partners in funding, this would release some of the burden on the state and local school systems. Some schools have already had assistance in funding things cost of athletic

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 Perhaps instead of pushing teachers to just teach obtain a high-test score, we teach a sound education for all. We have "magnet" schools to reach our high achieving students but then do not spend enough time on others to bring them up to standards. Every child at every level deserves the best

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

3.2 Coupled with the PTA, they could reach out in multiple languages. Have volunteer interpreters present for PTA meetings and get that word out. When I was PTA president and vice president when my kids were in school we offered this. We had a sign language and Spanish interpreters at every meeting

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 Ignorance of others culture is the worst that can happen. Educate students to all cultures and hate will reduce. Hate is a learned thing, we are not born with this. Over the years students are influenced by their lack of knowledge and fear of the unknown. The high school I worked at offer



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Candidate: Colbert, Ron

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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 Education, Education, Education! This one for our adults in how and what to look for. There must be policies in place on how to handle this for the safety of all. Have law enforcement and or technology experts address the student body starting in elementary school on the dangers of misuse if digital |
| 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 To a point this could be integrated. Parents' play a pivotal role in this but help bolster this schools could assist by teaching. One would think if this is being taught in classrooms, the policies would have to adhere to the teaching and therefore could impact practice and policies. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 Mental health is critical component to society in general. We must assure there enough trained counselors in our school to address this issue. |

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 Police are doing the best they can with the resources they have had hand. Possibly work more closely with the schools to allow them to interview selected officers being placed in the schools to assure they will be a good match. We need to have a good relationship with students to gain their trust. |
| 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 We must find innovative ways to fund new building and then redirect funding slated for the building to staffing required levels. |
| 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 |
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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Conway, Bill

Office: County Council District: At Large

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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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 Yes, though it will be expensive. It should be funded through tax incentives and subsidies given the existing array of private providers. Early childhood education is both a County and State 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]

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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. Loss of our AAA bond rating would cost us more in the long run. Prioritizing school construction funding in the County budget does not necessarily mean cuts to other departments. The County's revenues increase each year, and other expenditures can be kept flat.

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 am interested in any solutions to bring down the cost of construction through collaboration with the State. I have difficulty imagining why policy makers might oppose such efforts unless there are undisclosed downsides.

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 supported the practice of basing attractive magnet programs in challenged schools and communities. In addition, I support housing policies that will foster mixed income neighborhoods and thereby address de facto segregation in our schools.

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

3.2 Where possible MCPS should secure administrators or other staff who have some proficiency in a highly-spoken language for the school's catchment area, and/or who have some familiarity with the culture(s) of the area.

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 Creating a school environment where a child feels secure is fundamental to that child's ability to learn— not unlike food security or housing security. School leadership must establish the culture and set the tone for each school's community in cooperation with parents and teachers.



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Candidate: Conway, Bill

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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 A regulation on its face may not be unreasonable, but the sum total of regulation (which bureaucracies tend to forget) can be positively harmful. However, the more a regulation has a direct bearing on assuring health and safety the more there should be a presumption in its favor. |
| 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 has to be part of MCPS curricula because, among other things, it relates to the preservation of each student's own life. The message that students take from health and nutrition education is undermined if the Food and Nutrition Division provides unhealthy food choices. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 Providing appropriate levels of mental health and counseling services to MCPS students is essential. Estimates are that between 12% -20% of students nationwide have mental disorders ranging from mild to serious. However, the numbers of students needing counseling services is much larger. |

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 perception is that cooperation between law enforcement and MCPS is good. However, school security is not the same as general policing. I am in favor of SROs receiving the training provided by the National Association of School Resource 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

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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 increasing MCPS funding at the County level for a host of purposes including school construction. However, we also need a more equitable share of state construction dollars. In that respect our state delegation has fallen down on the job. |
| 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. 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 fo school land acquisition, financed in part by land developers? | 6.3 I would have to know more of the details to make this commitment. While I am committed to increasing school funding across the board over the long term, I am also cognizant of the need to preserve budgeting flexibility within the County budget in the short term |

Candidate: Cook, Bill



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Cook, Bill

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?

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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: Cook, 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

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: Dang, Hoan



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Dang, Hoan

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 We absolutely need to make universal pre-k a reality in Montgomery County. Publicly funded pre-k is available to only 25 percent of all 4-year-old children who live in the County. To fully fund this program there should be funding from federal, state and local sources.

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 support the Spending Affordability Guidelines and I strongly oppose school construction taking a backseat to other infrastructure priorities. Although the County Charter allows small increases in the affordability guidelines, I will work with all stakeholders to secure long-term spending.

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 state and local collaboration for school construction. One approach I support is there-purposing of unused commercial space for schools, early childhood education programs; and distance learning. Many jurisdictions across the country have begun to use this model to great success.

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 establishment of the Equity Initiatives Unit was a good first step in achieving an equitable education for each of our students. Equity also starts with our educators and I will support expanding opportunities for them to acquire additional training in equitable educational practices

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

3.2 We must ensure communications with students and families are culturally and linguistically appropriate. MCPS started a report card night where parents with limited English proficiency are teamed up with translators to review their child's

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 refugee and proud graduate of MCPS, I am committed to fostering a climate of acceptance, inclusion and tolerance. To ensure students feel safe, respected and valued for who they are, I would support programs that encourage students to be courteous to those who are different



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Candidate: Dang, Hoan

	from them.
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 to advance school standards when it is to the benefit of the student's education and overall health. Regulations should also be used to promote creative problem solving, social emotional learning and academic excellence among our 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 I would like to see health and nutrition integrated not only in the classroom, but with the families of students as well. I would like to see additional outreach to families including providing menus and nutritional information in other languages for our diverse community.
4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.	4.4 It is imperative to provide adequate mental health and counseling services to MCPS students. Additionally, with an increasingly diverse student population, we must also ensure that access to these services are culturally and linguistical

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 MCPS and the MCPD are cooperating to ensure school security while maintaining an open and welcoming learning environment. To recruit the best talent for Security Resource Officers we need to ensure the pay is competitive, and SRO's are recruited to rotate among the local school district.
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 Properly funding for MCPS is key to ensure capacity keeps pace with growth and I will commit to work with all stakeholders involved to accomplish that. I will also keep development in check to ensure it does not outpace the public infrastructure to support it and developers pay their fair share.
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, our student population is growing every year and we must be forward thinking when making development decisions to ensure land capacity for our schools. I also want the planning staff to study the reuse of vacant commercial space for schools, early childhood education and distance learning.
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 support a dedicated fund for school land acquisition and would study the impacts of a funding source that could be partially financed by land developers.

Candidate: Dyer, Robert



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Dyer, Robert

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'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.

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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 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

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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 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

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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 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: Falcinelli, Tom R. 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.

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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?

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: Falcinelli, Tom R. 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

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: Ferleman, Tom



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Ferleman, Tom

Office: County Council District: Councilmanic District 002

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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?

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

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Ferleman, Tom

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

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: Fiotes, Chris P. Jr.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Fiotes, Chris P. Jr.

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?

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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?

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?

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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

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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

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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: Forde, Lorna Phillips



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Forde, Lorna Phillips

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 Yes, I support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents. I portion of the county's tax should be earmarked to help improve schools, curriculum, programs, and increase teachers salaries. I believe the issue lies with both 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 [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 a movement that is subject to lowering affordability guideline that will cause harm to MCPS capital project possibilities. A percentage of the state's income from the lottery and casinos should be reserved for MCPS's growing capital improvement needs. Absolutely not!

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 new ideas and approaches to school construction and promote ideas to drive State and local collaboraton 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 would create quality programs that address and meet the needs of our very diverse student population

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

3.2 Ensuring that all parents and students have all the information, in complete detail, and in a timley manner.

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 climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance must be established and practiced by all. Those who participate in demoralizing activities will be held accountable for their actions.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Forde, Lorna Phillips

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.

4.3

4.4 I am prepared to build a volunteer team of qualified mental health professionals

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 the cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department is adequate. Salary, professional growth, work/life balance.

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 Build schools that can support the increasing number of enrolled students. Hire more teachers and teacher's aids.

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 Yes

Candidate: Fosselman, Pete



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Fosselman, Pete

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 Yes. There is a new transportation formula that could be implemented for education costs. It divides the total cost of improvements, based on land use type, and requires payment upfront from builders. Also receive some funding if sponsored by private organizations in exchange for naming rights.

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 Yes, we were in jeopardy of losing our AAA Bond Rating. Paying \$375M annually in interest alone. I do not support having the difference made up on the backs of the schools. Our State Delegation must fight harder in Annapolis for our fair share of dollars and County must help them lobby.

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, as noted in Question 1.3.

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 I support Cultural Competency which occurs when education effectively delivers services that meet the social, cultural, and linguistic needs of students. Every child has unique needs, both culturally and other hurdles as they mature.

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

3.2 Ensure communicating with parents in their native languages and encourage participation with parent-teacher events. Inform parents immediately of any potential issues a student may be having.

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 School policies should be inclusive. See Question 3.1.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Fosselman, Pete

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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 Science-based regulations should be implemented to protect the physical and mental health and wellness of those in a school building. As a Council Member, I would offer support to the BOE and Superintendent if requested. |
| 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. Rise in childhood obesity and diagnosis of diabetes. Not all students have parents present to prepare their meals or guide eating habits; and in some cases, afford meals. Nutritional information will help parents and kids make healthier choices. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 Bullying, increase in pressures to succeed, domestic violence and unstable homes put the mental health of our students at risk. I am absolutely committed to ensuring access to mental health services for all MCPS students which would include more school psychologists and counselors. |

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 Negative relationship. Security Resource Officers play a vital role in keeping schools safe. Their efforts are often hindered. Officers should be treated as MCPS staff and included in decision making. Flexible schedules and adequate benefits as well. |
| 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 noted in Question 1.3, this formula should be implemented for school funding in lieu of the existing impact fees. District 1 is in dire need of adequate funding for operating expenses to hire additional teachers, psychologist, classroom technology and supplies to keep pace with growth. |
| 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 Each cluster's needs should be weighed carefully and during the land use approval process, potential school sites should be identified if the need is present, or future need is perceived, in a cluster. |
| 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, the cost should be shared by the developers in a master plan area as noted in Question 1.3. Process is fair and funds for construction are collected at the time of permitting; not years later when it's too late to accommodate the growth. |

Candidate: Friedson, Andrew



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Friedson, Andrew

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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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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

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: Garcia, Loretta Jean

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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?

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?

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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: Garcia, Loretta Jean

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

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Geller, Paul S.

Office: County Council District: At Large

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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 [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 ECE must be made available to all residents. Must be high quality, a public/private partnership & free to those who need it. When elected, this will be my priority. I've been a statewide leader in securing more MD casino revenues 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 [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 MCPS must better spend \$\$\$:"Refresh" projects, not tear downs/rebuilds for all schools; more bidders for contracts, especially from outside MoCo. Need MD casino gambling \$\$\$ for this as well. Have been leader w/McKenna in securing Subdivision Staging Policy&Recordation Tax changes for CIP 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 testified to Knott Comm & participated in MCPS meetings abt this. Saving \$\$\$ is good, but Knott looked @Charter Schools w/expected 15 yr life. MCPS builds schools for 40+ yr use. Incentives are fine. MCPS needs are significant, must build for long run & SECURE MORE OUTSIDE BIDS! Will save big \$\$\$!

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 MCCPTA Immediate Past President, I actively & tirelessly pursue/d equity for all our students & schools. I remain at the fore of making sure forgotten and ignored schools have a powerful advocacy voice for their needs. Teachers need to look like their students. & this testing madness must STOP!!!

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

3.2 Streamline communication. 2 monthly newsletters: one for families w/info about MCPS signature programs & how to apply, key events, tips, calendar; 2nd for students. Need central branding strategy. Too many disparate promotional pieces out there now. Simplify website. Greater utilization of MCPS-TV.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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Candidate: Geller, Paul S.

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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> <hr/> <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> <hr/> <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> <hr/> <p>4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.</p> | <p>4.1 Diversity is our strength. As only MCCPTA Exec Comm member to speak some Spanish, folks appreciated attempts at Spanish, French. We must reach out & assure people ICE has no place in MCPS & bullying/gangs won't be tolerated. MCPS is a safe place for all. More after school programs; no cost is key.</p> <hr/> <p>4.2 Regs are fine for WiFi exposure. We need more Counselors & Psychologists for rest. I've been a leader in securing \$108M+ in Op Fund annually thx to work of me, M. McKenna, MCCPTA, MCEA, SEIU, MCAAP, BOE, County Council in '16 & '17 to address issues from class sizes to pathways for SEIU members to teach.</p> <hr/> <p>4.3 Yes. Having extensively toured MCPS's Food and Nutrition Division plant, I can assure you many good lessons about health & nutrition can be developed from within those walls. We must continue to encourage MCPS to offer wiser snack choices in cafeterias, possibly low cost or free vegetable sticks,...</p> <hr/> <p>4.4 I have been advocating for the hiring & establishment of ratios for these professionals, & tirelessly seeking funding for them at the county & state levels for years now. And I have been doggone successful at it! Check out my work on Facebook/Twitter @AlohaPaulGeller and at www.AlohaPaulGeller.com</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>5.1 MCPS & MCPD cooperation is better than ever. Their Memorandum of Understanding helps protect students, teachers, staff, & admin. Challenges lie in recruiting & retaining SROs for some schools. SROs must want to be in these schools. MCPD should recruit students in high school for later SRO positions</p> |
| <p>5.2 WITNESS OF ABUSE. Should Maryland join 48 other States in enacting Failure to Report laws? Why/why not?</p> | <p>5.2 [No response requested]</p> |

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>6.1 MCPS must plan better for more students. Wilson Wims ES is bursting at the seams w/1100+ students. As a Councilmember, I will work w/MCPS & interested parties to assure we have proper school capacity & infrastructure before building new homes. We must get more casino funds from the state as well.</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>6.2 MoCo already considers school land as a top priority in plans partially due to the work of the Next Steps Reps, a subgroup of M. McKenna's CIP Committee, that I proudly served on. We successfully advocated for common sense approaches to development that the Planning Commission & Council agreed to.</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>6.3 We on the Next Steps Reps got nearly all we asked for, including the enormous ask I made directly to the then Council President for 120% of the cost of constructing each school seat...a quantum leap forward in school funding. The next SSP revision will be 5 years from now. We should revisit this then.</p> |

Candidate: Glass, Evan



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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

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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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| <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 The rise in suicides and gun violence in our schools is due in part to the lack of mental health and counseling services (and lax gun laws). We must increase funding for mental health services while strengthening connections to existing providers. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.</p> <p>4.2 We need to increase students' level of physical education, while also increasing resources to provide more mental health & wellness care. These should be provided by MCPS and wrap around support. Social media safety is essential and building robust partnerships that will help mentor students to prevent future problems is essential.</p> <p>4.3 We should improve nutritional standards in MCPS, through curricula and procurement practices. I would like to strengthen MCPS' relationship with farms in the Agricultural Reserve to provide fresh food and expanded hands on educational opportunities. This would be a win for everyone in Montgomery County.</p> <p>4.4 The rise in suicides and gun violence that is ravishing our schools is in part due to the lack of mental health and counseling services (along with woefully lax gun laws). We owe it to our youth to increase funding for mental health services while strengthening connections with existing services is essential. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.</p> |
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5. Safety

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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 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> <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 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> <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> <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: Gottfried, Richard

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 Yes. This is both a State and a County issue working together on this issue. This should be funded thru the Education Trust Fund. Also, depending on the results on the Kirwan Commission new formulas, Montgomery County maybe able to fund Pre-K from the new funding formulas.

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 Yes. Now that the Education Trust Fund has a lockbox, MC should receive additional funding to finance MCPS's growing capital improvement needs. Also, MCPS should explore re-opening previously closed schools as well as partnering with our vacant commercial office space.

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 advocate for these ideas. I would explore the possibility of re-opening previously closed schools as well as partnering with our vacant commercial office space.

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 Students are entitled to take part in all subjects and activities; 1.2 Teaching and learning are planned with all pupils in mind; 1.3 The curriculum develops understanding and respect for differences; 1.4 During lessons all pupils participate 1.5 A variety of teaching styles and strategies is used, etc

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

3.2 Parent Portal, Parent Academy, Culturally diverse outreach program, Parent Engagement Center, Business partnerships to provide apprenticeships, provide districtwide STEM and provide backpacks and school supplies in need.

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 agree with The State of Maryland's new legislation and funding to keep our children safe in the schools. With regard to respect and value, we need to change how we describe dress codes, lining-up criteria, modify forms, change lesson plans, include questions specific and post policies.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Gottfried, Richard

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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 Regarding wellness to digital safety and WiFi exposure, we should support House Bill 1110 being proposed in Annapolis. I will continue to advocate for funding to our Department of Health and Human Services and Family Services, Inc. to provide physical and mental health to our 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 es. The food served by MCPS is a big issue for our children, as parents always complain about the food that is served at school. I remember when I went to school and had to take a nutrition class where we made peanut brittle in class. It was delicious but not so nutritious! |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 I will advocate to ensure continue funding for mental health and counseling services provided for MCPS 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 My perception is that the cooperation between MCPS and the Montgomery County Police Department is excellent. The State of Virginia offers a grant program for the security resource officer assignment for elementary and middle schools. Offer monetary-reward programs and work-life benefits to the SRO's |
| 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 will advocate to obtain funding that we were promised from the Education Trust Fund to build new schools and renovate existing schools. Be creative by re-purposing our decommissioned schools and using vacant commercial space to host classrooms and/or utilize vacant classrooms at our colleges. |
| 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 Instead of purchasing land on which to build new schools, I will advocate to renovate previously closed schools. We should consider buying land for future opportunities to expand our parks and recreational services. |
| 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. I will advocate in the next Subdivision Staging Policy revision, I would focus on addressing transportation needs instead of land acquisition; in addition are the impact taxes on development a break-even proposition, and our infrastructure keeping pace with new development (Enforce the APFO)! |

Candidate: Graney, Jay



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Graney, Jay

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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: Graney, Jay

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

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Greenberger, Neil H.

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 The most significant thing we can do to help close the disparity between some children entering the school system is to try and tighten the gap between students before entering school. Funding must be shared at the County and State levels. Dedicating part of state casino funds is a must.

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 Schools and transportation need to be are our greatest CIP priorities. The County's debt has been mounting through poor infrastructure planning. Approval of development plans with realistic plans for schools is where this starts. CIP budgeting must direct more funds 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 state has not returned a fair share of tax money to Montgomery. We cannot get all we deserve. However, we must pressure our state delegates to get a better return to us for school construction. We also need to reallocate some local money to provide more 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 Expanding early childhood education is crucial. Expanding varied curriculum throughout the County is a must. A limited number of innovative courses are finally going to be available to schools throughout the County starting next year. We should explore year-round school options in some areas.

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

3.2 ALL schools MUST follow procedures of informing parents when special incidents happen. I continue to be amazed when some schools/principals do not inform parents of these things. We must expand communication in many languages to meet the County's changing population.

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 Having just attended the funeral of the child (suicide) of close friends is a reminder that we cannot keep talking about bullying problems—we need to strongly enforce discipline against students caught in this behavior. Our schools need more counselors. This is not a place to reduce in the budget.



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Candidate: Greenberger, Neil H.

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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 Working with the police, SROs and within legal parameters, I would like to see staff dedicated to searching web communications to seek out problems before they occur. Kids put so much on the web, and after too many individual or large scale tragedies, we then discover warnings were available. |
| 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 The County's summer food program must be expanded, along with its weekend backpack program throughout the school year. Unfortunately, we cannot depend on some parents to address a basic priority: feeding their children. Pursuing private-public partnerships would have a major impact. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 MCPS has been greatly understaffed with counselors over the years as 16 years of superintendents cared more about increasing test scores than the well-being of students. We must add additional counselors. We need to reestablish learning centers to help certain special needs 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 have attended sessions with police on their training for emergencies in schools and their advance efforts to help monitor activities. Police have been very careful in choosing SROs with the right personalities. I think the screening program in place has been a good one. |
| 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 Realistic development plans are the key. We cannot continue to approve development unless adequate plans for school capacity, roads, transit and parking spaces are in place. I will not vote for a development plan that does not have all of these things. |
| 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 Approval of development plans, and changes in master plans, are the No. 1 long-range issue facing Montgomery County. The County Councils of the past 15 years have continually approved development plans without realistic adequate facilities--such as school capacity. This must change! |
| 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 A dedicated fund for school land acquisition would be a great idea beyond requirements in place, such as the school impact tax. County Councilmembers have constantly maneuvered around school capacity requirements so they could approve development plans. Future Councils cannot continue this trend. |

Candidate: Grimes, Seth



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Candidate: Grimes, Seth

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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 Early child care and education is one of my highest priorities. I see this as a joint public-nonprofit-business concern -- I have followed Montgomery Moving Forward's work -- and would consider new funding sources including state funding advocacy.

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 Developers can and should fund infrastructure creation -- including schools -- associated with their projects. I would eliminate impact fee exemptions including in Silver Spring's former enterprise zone. I do not oppose additional bonding. School construction should not take a back seat.

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 New ideas and approaches to school construction are welcome, including reducing the acreage footprint in order to lower costs and add location options and changes that would address construction costs.

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 Expanding early child care and education quality and availability is one of my highest priorities and key to ensuring that an achievement gap never opens. But given that gap, after-school and summer enrichment programs, ESL, and attention to special needs will help us help all students.

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 applaud Montgomery County Public Schools' Equity Initiatives Unit, aiming for awareness, knowledge, and understanding of one's own and students' and staff's racial and cultural identity. Let's extend this framework to gender and sexuality and let's apply it broadly to county government.



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Candidate: Grimes, Seth

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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 am an advisor to Real Food for Kids-Montgomery, and as a City of Takoma Park councilmember, I passed legislation banning harmful lawncare pesticides and polystyrene food serviceware products. I have a proven record addressing health & wellness needs. |
| 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 As an advisor to Real Food for Kids-Montgomery, I work toward school health and nutrition including internal practices and curriculum inclusion. |
| 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 and counseling services. I have special experience here as a member of the Montgomery County Board of Social Services and am committed, in one special area, to addressing youth homelessness in Montgomery County. |

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 cofounded and was president of Safe Takoma, a community public-safety initiative that won funding for and delivered youth programs including peer mediation, coming-of-age, and restorative justice initiatives, in cooperation with school and police authorities. I believe in collaborative approaches. |
| 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 commit to adding school capacity to catch up with unmet need, relieving overcrowding, with exploration of planning-process changes to keep pace with growth. |
| 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 Developer provision of land for new schools is a worthwhile top amenity in optional-method development applications. |
| 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 a dedicated fund for school land acquisition. |

Candidate: Gutierrez, Ana Sol



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Gutierrez, Ana Sol

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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 ABSOLUTELY. State funding should provide 75 to 80% of early childhood increased funding. According to Kirwan Commission recommendations, greatly increased state funding for education will be targeted to early childhood education. I support the rest of the funding to be provided by County funds.

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 believe that SA guidelines should be respected and reviewed annually. However, they provide a good guideline for indebtedness limits. I don't agree that they should be lowered arbitrarily; must meet clear demands for school construction as a top priority.

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 support greater coverage of construction cost and procedural flexibility. I support greater State/local collaboration as long as LOCAL Control and investment priorities choices are respected. I oppose State ranking of priorities.

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 Indicators of equity must include: access to experienced, quality teachers; rigorous programming and curriculum; appropriate assessments that drive instruction; maximum linguistic and culturally appropriate instruction; data driven instructional flexibility; continuous assessment of achievement gaps.

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

3.2 LANGUAGE and culturally-appropriate communications at family friendly locations and times

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 Totally committed to improving climate with greater cultural and linguistic sensitivity and competence. Each school must be the SAFE place that students thrive in. Must have consistent and effective policies and practices that are transparent and evidenced in EVERY school



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Candidate: Gutierrez, Ana Sol

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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 must be the result of a transparent, inclusive preparation and review process that includes not only MCPS staff, but parents, students, and community leaders. |
| 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 now extends beyond the school walls as more families, health experts, and overall communities practices actively contribute to a students awareness of the importance of good nutrition and health habits. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 Must significantly increase the availability and quality of services and resources. |

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 strongly believe that current school security practices must be reviewed for effectiveness and disparate treatment of students based on racial and ethnic biases. Must require training in conflict resolution and understanding of racial/ethnic cultural / linguistic differences. provide better oversight |
| 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 My TOP priority will be to ensure stable and sufficient school funding to meet ongoing enrollment growth and consequent capacity demands. |
| 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--absolutely. Planning to meet capacity needs for each of our schools, not just at the c"average", luster level, is a urgent priority. |
| 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, absolutely. I would propose that development cover a greater share of infrastructure costs |

Candidate: Harris, Kevin



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Candidate: Harris, Kevin

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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, Universal Pre-K is critical for children and their families. Helping to ensure our children are as prepared as they can be for kindergarten, and easing the onerous burden of childcare costs on families. We need to fund Pre-K through a combination of Federal, State and County resources.

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 do not support the reduction in General Obligation bonds. Our schools face growing enrollment that put increased pressure on our aging infrastructure. Failure to meet these capital needs will negatively impact the great schools we expect and our children deserve.

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'd be willing to explore any opportunity to bring much needed funds to address the capital needs of our schools. This is a question of will and priority. If we can find \$5 Billion to lure Amazon to our County, we can find monies to ensure our children don't go to substandard schools.

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 Expand ESOL teachers, reading specialists, counselors to help all succeed. Reduce class size so that teachers have the ability to work with individual students to provide them with the instruction geared to them. Implement recommendations of the Metis report so that more of our students who would benefit from an enriched curriculum.

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

3.2 Ensure that communications from our schools are culturally competent. Encourage local school leaders to have open-door policies and office hours so that parents have more opportunity to interact with them. Set up parent conferences with teachers more than just once a year so there are structured communications with teachers, parents 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 We need to take a more pro-active approach that starts with having a diverse and culturally competent staff. Our curriculum needs to ensure that children are reading and writing about the lives and achievements of all kinds of



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Candidate: Harris, Kevin

	people. I also think our schools should expand efforts at utilizing restorative practices rather than traditional discipline modes.
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 believe data driven research adjusted for the age of school populations should drive regulations that advance standards in our schools. Research should be combined with community outreach and conversation to set reasonable standards for our 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 have an important place in our schools. Creating wellness councils in schools is an important step to integrate best practices within our schools. Looking for opportunities within the curricula to introduce health and nutrition topics should be an important priority.
4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.	4.4 Early intervention is important through identification, counseling, & referral when necessary. Our schools need adequate numbers of counselors & to provide the training to all teachers, administrators & paraprofessionals to assist in the identification of students with social and/or emotional needs.

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's a high level of cooperation between MCPS & MCPD at the high school level with assigned Security Resource Officers. Getting the best officers for SROs will require a combination of incentives as well as some freedom to be part of a team to help shape modern-day security for 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 think we need to go to any lengths possible to face the challenge of our growing school age population with more resources and innovation to keep class sizes as small as possible to ensure we maintain our high quality school system.
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 I support the recent changes but allowing development without thought to new school construction is short sighted. It creates a vicious cycle of new development exacerbating overcrowding in our schools. Land for schools should be a top public amenity.
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. Having land acquisitions financed in part by developer contributions is one step toward having development pay for necessary infrastructure to support the development.

Candidate: Hucker, Tom



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Hucker, Tom

Office: County Council District: Councilmanic District 005

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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, 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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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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Candidate: Jain, Ashwani

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 Child care costs can be astounding. We must make it easier for parents to find affordable child care. This includes assessing state run programs (ex. Working Parents Assistance Program) and making Pre-K universal. Funding from this should come from both the state and the county governments.

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 Existing policies must be reevaluated to support our growing student population and allocate funds appropriately. We should explore ending the moratorium on development in overcrowded areas and dedicate additional funds from development in those clusters to school infrastructure 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 Yes. Schools in lower-income neighborhoods or schools with crumbling infrastructure should receive resources and opportunities equal to their needs, and these incentives for state/local collaboration will help that to occur.

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 comprehensive approach includes Universal Pre-K, affordable childcare, expanding language immersion programs, and increasing resources for after-school and summer programs to prevent the "summer slide". I also believe our schools should institutionalize cultural competency trainings.

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

3.2 Implement new programs, while also engaging those who use the program in the roll out process. For example, while myMCPS is more cost-effective and offers more features than Edline, teachers were not given enough time or training to adapt.

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 we must make Montgomery County an official sanctuary county. I will also work to support the public-private partnerships established through CUAH and the Montgomery County Faith Community Advisory Council to create safe spaces for communities of color and diverse religious backgrounds.



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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 the duty of the Board of Education to set specific regulations for our school systems. That said, I will work in partnership to ensure physical and mental wellness is an integral part of a student's social-emotional wellbeing. We must create a safe space for students to share 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 I will work with organizations like the Montgomery Countryside Alliance to expand the reach of its Ag Science Lab. Furthermore, I will work with organizations like Real Food for Kids to educate and communicate the importance of food choices on a student's academic performance and physical fitness. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 Students should feel empowered to hold frank conversations about mental health issues facing them. Topics for these discussions, supplemented by improved health curriculum, should include learning self-care, knowledge of risk factors, and instilling mindfulness practices in daily life. |

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 They have proven to be effective partners - ex. students notified the SRO that a student had a gun in Clarksburg. SROs should continue to partner with security staff to ensure safety. Adding additional officers could create a school-to-prison-pipeline, ultimately harming students of color. |
| 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 school budget should focus on maximizing use of land to build or restore school buildings in overcrowded areas and providing more support for teachers in their classrooms so that students are able to receive more one-on-one time with our educators. |
| 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 - school land should be considered whenever the county moves forward on any new development plans. Our education system is the primary reason why people move to Montgomery County. We must also consider how new development will impact our growing student population. |
| 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. Land developers would have to contribute money for school land acquisition when building large developments so that they're contributing to the community in a meaningful way, not just making profits. More housing would allow us to exp |

Candidate: Jawando, Will



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Candidate: Jawando, Will

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 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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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

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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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 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: Lipscomb, David V.

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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 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

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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

Answers

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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

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4.1



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Candidate: Lipscomb, David V.

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

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Candidate: Malikidogo-Fludd, Kenge



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Malikidogo-Fludd, Kenge

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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 fully support early childhood programs, and feel that it should be funded through the state, and county partnerships because data shows the longterm outcomes will outweigh

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 innovation to fund the growing capital improvement needs. I am for working with developers and local businesses to help fund these projects through incentives that would take some of the burden

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 would support trying new ideas as long as MCPS has strong decision making ability in the 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 I am open to hearing measures that are mutually beneficial for students and teachers. Some measures to consider would ensuring the equitable hiring and retention of experienced and effective teachers in the differe

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

3.2 To increase engagement, MCPS should prioritize hiring qualified teachers that the community feels comfortable engaging with.

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 Inclusion and respect is the most important aspect of fostering and maintaining safe spaces in our schools. My commitment will go toward the support of commission and another appointments of persons that are also dedicated to creating such a climate across our county.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Malikidogo-Fludd, Kenge

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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 are in one of the most progressive districts in the United States, we need to look beyond the watered down regulations and define "safe" standards for ourselves using already conducted international, national, state and county studies. |
| 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 The goals of education are to ensure our students are ready to make decisions on their own. Health and nutrition being built into the curriculum from K-12th grades would certainly impact the Food & Nutrition. It might require a change in Food & Nutrition suppliers and food options available. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 I support partnerships with nonprofits and other counseling service referrals for students, and 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 Cooperation with MCPS and MCPD is a welcome idea. It needs to do more than provide security. SRO's should be required to have additional training and education that help them understand the minds of our children. |
| 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 Our growth is a result of development, and I am committed to ensuring development prioritizes the impact on our schools. |
| 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 they should. |
| 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 Absolutely. |

Candidate: McGee, Jim



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: McGee, Jim

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

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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1.2 [No response requested]

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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

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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?

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?

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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: McGee, 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

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: McKenna, Melissa



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: McKenna, Melissa

Office: County Council District: At Large

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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 ECE needs to be a state initiative, not Montgomery Cnty alone, because Cnty cost ~\$120M. Testified to Kirwan Commission 10/25/17 and Cnty Annapolis Delegation 11/17/17 on necessity of state funding. Funding through casino gambling revenue or dedication of

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 Move made to maintain AAA Bond rating. CIP needs beyond schools that must be balanced as well as debt service. Reduce cost: 1st step is "refresh" projects rather than rev/ex, then open bidding to get lower cost bids, also less lofty architecture and more practical. \$ from casino revenue.

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 Knott Commission is suggesting sacrificing quality for speed and cheaper cost. I would not support. Allow LEAs with proven track record of quality, on-time projects leeway to IAC constraints. Flexibility allowance for LEAs to find best match for their needs. Streamline current procedures. current procedures.

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 needs to be built into every program. In-person cultural bias training for all MCPS staff preferred over on-line "modules." Give teachers time to have good relationships with their students. Teachers should have high expectations of all students. Small class size for greater 1:1 attention.

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

3.2 MCPS needs to be proactive, timely, and consistent in message communicated. Get out to communities personally rather than just "pushing" information out electronically or on paper. Reduce use of "edu-speak" and use plain language that can be better understood. ASK what people want and answer! Reduce use of "edu-speak" and use plain language that can be better understood. ASK what people want and answer!

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: McKenna, Melissa

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 Again, I support cultural competency and inherent bias training for all MCPS staff. Time is needed to form and nurture relationships between staff and students and among students themselves. Students should be supported to voice their concerns while keeping safety of all in mind, eg, walkouts.

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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 believe they are already integrated. Besides health and PE classes, nutrition and healthy lifestyle are covered in science class. MCPS meals adhere to USDA standards. Strict adherence to standards sacrifices taste. May have to bend rules a little so the students will (want to) eat food provided.

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.

4.4 I continue to advocate for better counselor:student ratios in ES (most recently 1/16/18 to BOE). FY19 MCPS operating budget improves staffing by 50 students at larger ES. The mental health and wellness of our students is a necessity! More mental health counseling at HS, not just 4 career/college.

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 MOU is clearly written. School security and police have defined roles. School staff and students seem to have good open dialogue/relationships with SROs. MCPD is sensitive to having the right officers as SROs in schools. Needs to be good temperament and personality fit, not a \$ or other incentive.

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 Enrollment increase slowed this year and projected to be +~1900 students next year. School capacity is perennial problem. Portables or modules until permanent construction, as \$ available. Class sizes in ES are trending down in future. Maintain operating \$ to keep class size 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 Yes. Council made schools sites top public amenity in recently approved Master Plans. These also contain specific solutions for residential development than before. MCPS/Planning/Council need to cooperate. I did this work w/ Next Steps Reps & will continu

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 Part of last SSP revision was MCCPTA recommendation for ALAR fund for school site purchase. Open to such a fund so funded, however, in lean economic times may not be able to restrict \$ that could be used for immediate CIP needs. Perhaps reuse old sites ev

Candidate: Meitiv, Danielle



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Meitiv, Danielle

Office: County Council District: At Large

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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1.4 [No response requested]

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Answers

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Candidate: Meitiv, Danielle

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

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Candidate: Musser, Penny



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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

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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

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: Musser, Penny

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

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

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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 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?

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 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

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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?

6.2

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: Oldak, Regina "Reggie"

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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 Yes. Achievement differences start early; children who fall behind may never catch up. The Council should convene stakeholders like MCPS, BOE, PTAs, and other experts to consider funding needs before making decisions. I would like to see state-wide adoption of best practices but we shouldn't wait.

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 It's imperative that we continue to fund MCPS's growing capital improvement needs. Our good schools are critical for educating our children and for promoting economic development.

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 am inclined to support such incentives. We need innovative solutions that would increase state and local 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 Teachers need more support, training, and resources. Additional personnel would be helpful in many schools. Training should aim to increase staff's cultural competence, address the needs of students with disabilities, and capitalize on students' backgrounds, abilities, resilience, and effort.

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

3.2 As a public school parent, I know how important this communication is. We need a variety of options, from email and Internet sites to backpacks, including low-tech methods, in several languages, as appropriate for each community.

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 A positive school climate will ensure students feel safe and free to express themselves. We should encourage diversity among our school personnel to provide role models for students. Student, staff and family participation to identify climate, security and safety concerns and solutions is critical.



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Candidate: Oldak, Regina "Reggie"

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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's critically important that our schools ensure our students' physical and mental wellness and safety. I would consider additional regulations to support these goals, but I would like to hear from diverse stakeholders before adding them. |
| 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. Advancing literacy in nutrition and health will help to engage students, families, and MCPS in creating a culture of health in our schools, homes, and communities. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 In all parts of the County, MCPS should devote more attention, time, and funding to issues of student mental health. More counselors and other staff are needed to provide students and their families with the support that will help them be successful in life as well as in college. |

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 Gun violence is increasingly a threat around the country, and school safety and student security must be of the utmost priority. I commit to working with MCPS and PTAs to ensure the safety of our schools, including efforts to recruit SROs. |
| 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 should be reduced. We should consider reopening schools, expanding/remodeling existing schools, building new schools, and reusing existing building stock. We should also consider adding para-educators so that students get the attention they need and teachers have time 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 Additional school capacity should be discussed, determined, and built before new development is approved, or, at least, occupied. |
| 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 Given the importance and the complexity of the SSP, I need to learn more about this issue before making a commitment. |

Candidate: Ortman-Fouse, Jill



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Ortman-Fouse, Jill

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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 I support universal access to pre-k. A sliding scale can be used to determine affordability. MD has the nation's lowest income threshold to qualify for subsidies, meaning only the poorest receive them. Pre-K has an 8 to 1 ROI. Use state funding supplemented by county and federal. Tax cannabis.

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 SAGs are used to protect AAA bond rating. However, I supported increasing by 10%. Other counties like PG have not lost their rating. Property tax was supposed to be for MCPS CIP, but only about half went to schools. Return more to schools as was intended. Make better deals with developers.

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 incentives because they offer choices. With 11K students in 437 portables, & predicted growth of about 10K more over next 6 years, we must try new ways of accommodating demand, putting all options on the table: co-location, leasing space for popup magnets, modular construction, partnerships

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 Fund universal access to pre-k & summer programs, prof training for staff, afterschool academic support programs & MCPS budget initiatives, support affordable housing & job opportunities for disadvantaged families, provide incentives for high quality teachers to remain at higher poverty schools.

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

3.2 Greater outreach into communities. More town halls with students in different areas of the county. Partner with community leaders to receive feedback & insight from underrepresented communities. Central office staff go out to schools & listen to community.

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 legislation that protects our immigrant students & families in our schools & other sensitive places. I support laws & policies that protect our most vulnerable residents, including LGBTQ, from harassment. I support



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Candidate: Ortman-Fouse, Jill

programs that educate about & celebrate diversity.

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 must better fund mental health & other wellness supports for our families, Support healthy environments inside & outside of school, including safe play areas & fields free from environment toxins like crumb rubber. Adapt crisis center for interaction with students below 18. Share info for support

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 Encourage MCPS F&N to reach out to other school districts who use innovative, healthy meal design & prep. Hire chef (not just nutrition specialist), support partnerships w ag reserve for more locally grown produce & meat. Encourage meatless Mondays. Tour cafeterias to observe what kids eat.

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

4.4 I am on a committee with MCCPTA to hold mental health forum. I also support a Mental Health Day to encourage schoolwide education & conversations to destigmatize mental health issues & get support students need. Must provide more affordable mental health provider options for 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 I think there is great cooperation between MCPS and the MCPD. A full security review is being conducted now. SROs should receive appropriate training to engage with all students, understand trauma-informed practices. Ask SROs what incentives they find as high value.

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 haven't kept pace with growth. We must plan development strategically with schools to ensure space is created BEFORE additional enrollment growth begins. Small class sizes require additional operating funds, as well as additional facility space. Only adding additions can strain core spaces

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. Our schools are the chief attraction to our county & where our future workforce & tax payers grow and learn. Communities want smaller community schools that are easily accessible. As a highly-valued amenity, partnerships should be attractive to developers.

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. MCPS doesn't support the fund because the backlog of need is so high (800M for 10K students over capacity, plus \$790M for backlog of systemwide facility maintenance needs). However, land is becoming more scarce. Funding must be readily available to make purchases when necessary.

Candidate: Osorio, Dalbin



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Osorio, Dalbin

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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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

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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

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: Osorio, Dalbin

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

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: Rice, Craig L.



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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

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 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

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 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: Riley, Michele

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 Yes, I support this effort. I see this as a state issue, in that it should be offered statewide, instead of just within Montgomery County. For funding, we need to ensure the appropriate share of casino revenue is going to the Education Trust Fund, not the General Fund.

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 not take a backseat to other County infrastructure priorities. We need to make sure the Education Trust Fund receives its appropriate share of casino revenue, and use this money to fund school initiatives.

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 support incentives to drive state and local collaboration to allow for new ideas and approaches in 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 I believe we have experts in place within MCPS who understand the best way to ensure every child receives a high-quality education. I would let those experts do their jobs.

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

3.2 I have always felt that MCPS does a good job of communicating quickly and efficiently with parents, through emails, Connect Ed messages, and other communications (always in English and Spanish). I do not see this as an area for 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 I firmly believe we have experts within the MCPS structure who understand the best way to foster such a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. I would give those experts the latitude to keep doing their jobs the best way they can.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Riley, Michele

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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 Again, I believe we have experts within the MCPS who understand the best way to use regulations to advance school standards in these areas. I would give these experts the latitude to keep doing their jobs the best way they can. |
| 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 Montgomery County needs to rethink and decentralize the MCPS school lunch program. The food served in MCPS schools is prepackaged and not healthy. We need new approaches to get better food in front of our kids at lunchtime and that food needs to be sourced from a variety of locations. |
| 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 and counseling services for MCPS students. This is more important than ever in light of the Parkland school shooting. |

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 The SRO assignment requires a balancing act of kindness to the kids but also making sure rules are followed. I think MCPD is appropriately cognizant of the separation between MCPS and MCPD and acts accordingly, when necessary, in order to keep our kids safe at school. |
| 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 fully committed to ensuring capacity keeps pace with growth, and class sizes remain small. MCPS is a jewel in the crown of Montgomery County and we need to ensure we maintain proper student teacher ratios and class sizes. |
| 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, absolutely. |
| 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: Rivera-Oven, Graciela



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Rivera-Oven, Graciela

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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?

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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?

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?

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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: Rivera-Oven, Graciela

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

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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

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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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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Candidate: Romero, Darwin



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Romero, Darwin

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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2.2 [No response requested]

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Romero, Darwin

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Sefcik, Kyle

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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1.4 [No response requested]

2. Capital Improvements

Answers

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2.2 [No response requested]

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Sefcik, Kyle

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

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Candidate: Shnider, Ben



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Shnider, Ben

Office: County Council District: Councilmanic 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 I strongly support the implementation of Universal Pre-K for every MCPS student. It is the County Council's responsibility, collaborating with MCPS, to implement this vital measure. This is one of the reasons I support seeking authority from the state to levy County taxes more progressively.

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 appreciate both the pressing capital needs facing MCPS, plus the fiscal challenges facing the County. Given the importance of MCPS for our students and the County's economy, MCPS infrastructure needs to be the top priority. Making progress requires trust and creativity among stakeholders.

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. Collaboration among all stakeholders to identify ways to address the capital needs at MCPS quicker, within inherently constrained resources, is prudent. The bottom line is that we need to make it quicker and cheaper to build new facilities and use existing space more efficiently.

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 will push for universal pre-k at MCPS. I will also draw on the community school model to target additional resources, like therapy, to under-resourced schools. Finally, we must expand vocational offerings. I earned the support of our County's teachers due largely to my commitment to equity.

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

3.2 Materials must be culturally competent and translated when necessary.

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'll work proactively with MCPS, and public and private partners (including MCPTA, County Government and non-profits who work with youth) to foster an environment, inside and outside the classroom, where harassment in all forms is unacceptable and students are encouraged to express their concerns.



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Candidate: Shnider, Ben

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, MCPTA and other stakeholders should determine the proper balance between the benefits and potential hazards of technology, both in and outside of the classroom. I will proactively work to facilitate this process and support any applicable regulatory changes that may result.
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 at an early age is the best route to sound, lifelong habits. The Council should proactively encourage MCPS to explore their policies regularly. I will support additional funding, if feasible, to advance such consistent reflection.
4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students.	4.4 I will fight to ensure adequate staffing to provide such resources.

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 there is a good relationship between MCPS & MCPD. Strengthening positive interaction between officers and students, plus security planning/response are equally important goals. We must ensure we educate the community about the importance of SROs, such that the role is adequately resourced.
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 First, we must ensure adequate funding of the MCPS CIP, including a fair share of resources from developers. We should also consider reopening closed schools. Using vacant private office space for schools should be an option as well. Finally, boundaries changes must be considered in certain cases.
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, it is always important for land use policies to consider the impacts of growth and how to best prepare for it on MCPS infrastructure, including identifying/reserving school sites, when needed.
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 I will support any measure to ensure adequate funds for MCPS infrastructure.

Candidate: Siddique, Mohammad



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Siddique, Mohammad

Office: County Council District: At Large

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Siddique, Mohammad

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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.

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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 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

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 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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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: Smith, Jarrett

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?

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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?

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

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Smith, Jarrett

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: Solomon, Steve



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Solomon, Steve

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?

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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?

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

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Solomon, Steve

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

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: Wellington, Meredith



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Wellington, Meredith

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 Montgomery County cannot wait for state to provide universal pre-k, altho statewide Pre-K should be a goal. Pre-k is proven to help close the achievement gap. County should continue to supplement pre-k subsidy for low income children. I will carefully consider partnerships or other ideas to fund.

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 Education is our County's number one priority. I would like to see ways to reduce construction costs. I will continue to work with the MoCo delegation to Annapolis to bring back more money. I will carefully review SAG and look at all options to meet the needs of MCPS and our children.

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 Early assessments & interventions are key. Recruit more racially, gender & ethnically diverse teachers and administrators. Employ sufficient numbers of specialists, instructional aides, & counselors to meet needs of all students. Teacher quality must be even across all county schools.

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

3.2 Use community's languages; offer flexible meeting times; offer liaison for families new to USA; home visits if needed.

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 Report bullying to central office, resource officer; teach parents to monitor kids' social media and phones; MCPS does a good job teaching various religious and cultural differences - perhaps they could start in earlier grades.



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Candidate: Wellington, Meredith

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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 BOE regs that train educators & counselors to restrict/manage tech use for students in special programs like Linkages to Learning, special ed programs. All students & parents must be taught responsible tech use. |
| 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 A child's performance in school is strongly impacted by what she eats. It is vital that MCPS do more to improve nutrition knowledge. I would like to see MCPS Food and Nutrition Division move away from prepackaged high sugar/salt/fat processed products to more locally produced & natural foods. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 If elected, I will support MCPS and HHS requests for mental health counselors and services, and assistance for those who cannot afford such 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 It is vital that MCPS, MCPD, parents, students cooperate on school safety. At top level, partnership appears strong. Incentives to serve as SRO may include: success from early intervention; flexible scheduling; partners or backups for days off; extra training or education in related field. |
| 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 will work to meet the needs of the teachers to best serve their students & to making sure students have enough space for sports and physical fitness. I will work with all parties to increase school construction funding, find appropriate school sites, & be a responsible steward of taxpayer funds. |
| 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 public amenity and appropriate sites identified in all master/sector plans. |
| 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 support such a fund. |

Candidate: Wilhelm, Chris



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Wilhelm, Chris

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 The County could explore approaches to funding pre-k for low income families, but I think the reality is that we will need significant investment at the state level to expand early childhood education due to budget deficits at the local level.

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 county must be careful to preserve its bond rating in order to continue to benefit from low interest rates. In order to ensure that Montgomery County can meet its capital budget needs, we need to make sure that the results of the Kirwan commission do not damage MCPS' state funding.

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. Montgomery County should be working with the State to find innovative models for school construction. We know there are neighboring jurisdictions in Virginia that spend significantly less money constructing schools. We can learn from our neighbors to cut costs.

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 Yes. Montgomery County should be working with the State to find innovative models for school construction. We know there are neighboring jurisdictions in Virginia that spend significantly less money constructing schools. We can learn from our neighbors to cut costs.

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

3.2 I would focus on promoting more direct parent and student contact with the members of the Board of Education, as they have the ability to adapt school system practices and procedures to better meet students' needs. BOE members need to hear directly from 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 In order to hire a more diverse staff, I will work to create a pipeline for MCPS students to pursue. Careers in education by attending public universities tuition-free. Equity training for teachers is important, but recruiting a diverse workforce should be a priority.



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Candidate: Wilhelm, Chris

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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 MCPS must address its completely inadequate response to multiple instances of sexual abuse and harassment by staff members over a span of several years. There must be a crystal clear policy in place to hold principals accountable for reporting complaints from students and parents, rather than allowing dangerous situations to linger. |
| 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. It was a mistake to move towards constructing schools that don't have the capacity to cook their own fresh food. We should be contracting with farmers from the Agriculture Reserve to make sure that students are provided with locally grown, nutritious food. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 Many high school students have expressed to me their disappointment that mental health counselors are not available when they are needed. At Whitman High School, very example, a mental health counselor splits time between Whitman and another school. We have to make more resources available to keep our young people safe and supporter. |

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 School Resource Officers play an important role in protecting our schools. However, we have to make sure that as many issues as possible are handled outside of the criminal justice system. This is particularly true for students of color, who are disproportionately targeted in some 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 will vote for budgets that fully fund the needs of our school system. I show up to teach every day wishing that I had smaller class sizes so that it would be a little easier to meet the needs of all of my unique students. |
| 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. In order to prevent overcrowding and to meet the needs of our rapidly growing county, we must set aside land to construct new schools. |
| 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. Land developers ought to pay their fair share to help fund education. The quality of the MCPS school system is one of the reasons why property values are so high in Montgomery County--it is only natural that developers pay into the system that they benefit from. |

Candidate: Willard, Tim



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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.

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 universal pre-K. It has been shown to pay for itself by reducing childwelfare 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

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

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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. Pre-K is critical to a child's development and to providing a level playing field. It is perhaps the most important thing we can do to start closing the achievement gap. Expansion of pre-k should be a national & state priority. It will be essential to have financial State.

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 SAGs ensure we do not issue more bonds than we can afford in debt service which crowds out operating budget priorities like MCPS & HHS. Everything is interrelated. Cap & Op budgets should not be pitted against each other - both are critical for a successful school system.

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 would. Given the rise in student enrollment and the urgent need for more capacity, we need the State to pay more for the cost of new school construction. I am in favor of incentives to drive greater state/local collaboration, assuming these incentives do not detract from local control of our school system.

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 insist on cultural proficiency for all school staff in order to ensure the most relevant and rigorous curriculum choices are available to all students. Equity will only be achieved when each and every student is on a path to success and our more academically challenging program enrollments reflect the diversity of the student body.

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

3.2 Communicating with parents/caregivers is essential to student success. Translation services already provided in many languages is important, but MCPS staff must reflect our student population & be trained in cultural proficiencies in order to effectively communicate with parent/caregivers

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Berliner, Roger

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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 Every student must be respected, valued & feel safe at school. County Govt. can help create such a culture through education campaigns, community partnerships, inclusive policies, funding for SROs, & police force trained in cultural competency that has zero tolerance for acts of hate or harassment.</p> <p>4.2 Regulations should be science-based and used to protect the physical and mental health and wellness of those in a school building. That is the superintendent's and BOE's job and as county executive, I would offer whatever support is requested.</p> <p>4.3 Yes. One hopes it would result in better selection and quality of food and better nutrition. Programs around the country are working toward this same goal.</p> <p>4.4 I have long been vocal about the need for better counselor-student ratios. The mental, emotional, & academic pressures on kids are tremendous. We need to provide safe spaces + trusted adults where they can seek refuge. Mental health services must be adequately funded outside the school too.</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 I know that Chief Manger and his department are 100% committed to assisting MCPS to create the safest environment possible for our students, teachers and staff. If we are not providing the very best SROs we can, then the selection process needs to be examined. If elected county executive, I will assemble all stakeholders to discuss improvements.</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 must ensure the capacity keeps pace with growth of student population. I hope MCPS will explore creative, innovative, affordable options for increasing capacity. The Council has raised various taxes to generate significant new revenues for school capacity & increased funding recently to reduce class size. I was proud to support those efforts.</p> <p>6.2 We should always obtain new land for schools via the developmen t process whenever possible & warranted. I worked very closely with MCCPTA reps to ensure master plan language reflects this goal. I recently led the effort to increase school impact tax fees from 90% the cost of the seat to 110% the cost of a seat. We also tightened moratorium rules.</p> <p>6.3 I actually proposed establishing a school land acquisition fund which would be funded by a portion of development's school impact tax fees. The Board of Ed rejected this idea and did not want funds set aside for this purpose. It was very disappointing and I believe, short-sighted.</p> |
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Candidate: Blair, David



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Blair, David

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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 As County Executive, I will draw upon public and private resources to secure funding to make universal pre-K a reality, starting with Title I schools. Ideally, funding should be a state and county collaboration, but we must act on this now to address the achievement gap in 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 [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 don't support this move because we have not kept up with MCPS construction needs. School construction should be a top priority when assessing the capital improvement budget to address the overcrowding in our schools. Through my jobs plan, I will expand our tax base which will create new revenues.

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

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 want to focus on early childhood learning and ensure that every student graduates career or college ready. This requires ensuring MCPS has adequate support staff. I'll work with MCPS to provide early intervention and remedial course work to students at risk of falling short of readiness standards.

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

3.2 I believe that MCPS makes communication with students and families a priority and we can do more by expanding Linkages to Learning beyond 29 schools. As County Executive, I will engage parents in school planning and leadership to give them more equal representation on school governing bodies.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Blair, David

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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 When it comes to school safety and protecting our kids, we can always do more. I'll lobby for state "school safety grants" to fund school resource officers, and find money in our budget if funding never materializes. Incentives should include flexible work hours, better training and appreciation.</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 As County Executive, I will ensure Montgomery County is getting its fair share of funding from Annapolis, so we can build schools to relieve overcrowding. I'll also grow our economy to create jobs and increase revenues to fund school construction projects and MCPS teachers to keep class sizes small.</p> <p>6.2 Part of the reason why I am running for County Executive is that we do a poor job of planning in the county. I will review our planning process to ensure we have a proactive, transparent planning process that aims to lessen the burden on our infrastructure and schools.</p> <p>6.3 We need to work collaboratively with developers to find localized solutions that increase school construction options. This means being more creative in our approach. I would consider a dedicated fund for school land acquisition.</p> |
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Candidate: Elrich, Marc



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

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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: Frick, Bill

Office: County Executive District:

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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

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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

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?

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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: Frick, Bill

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: Krasnow, Rose



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Krasnow, Rose

Office: County Executive District:

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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. Universal Pre-K is one of the most important ways to improve student learning. In the public schools it can be funded through state education funding formulas. Also, if children enter first grade ready to learn, we can save money on programs currently needed for students in higher grades.

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 It is very important to keep our county's AAA bond rating, since it keeps our borrowing costs low, but funding projects that ensure the best teaching environment for our children should be the highest priority. I would defer other CIP projects rather than scaling back school construction 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 Yes, it is vital to find new ways to reduce the cost per pupil to build new or replacement school facilities. For example, schools and parks can be co-located so athletic facilities can be shared or existing, unused office space could be converted into needed 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 need weighted funding formulas that recognize that instructional costs for disadvantaged students are higher. We must balance decentralization/local autonomy with resource accountability to support the most disadvantaged students and schools.

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

3.2 If parents are not fluent in English, it is important that we translate essential information. Those of lower income may not be able to attend events such as back-to-school night, so we need better ways to communicate that parental involvement is important to a child's success.

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 Diversity makes this county richer in many ways, and we need strong policies in our schools that make it clear that any type of discrimination or bullying will not be acceptable. We need counselors that students can reach out to when issues arise. As a community we must protect the vulnerable.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Krasnow, Rose

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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 regulate the need for physical activity because it is too easily cut from budgets, and it is so important for both physical and mental health. We need to provide more mental health counselors. We should develop policies, not regulations, regarding 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 So many of our children take advantage of the FARMs program. We must provide healthier meals in our schools as a first step in teaching our children that healthy eating will not just keep them well, it will help them learn. |
| 4.4 MENTAL HEALTH. Please describe your commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students. | 4.4 Our children are living in very difficult times. Bullying can now occur through social media and the smallest thing can go viral. As a mom, I want to ensure that we provide the services our students need in a discreet manner so that those who need them are willing to get 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 MCP and MCPS work well together with the goal of keeping students safe. Recent events require us to enhance that coordination, and MCP has been responsive to reallocating more resources as needed. I believe the Police Chief should decide how to get the best officers for Security Resource 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

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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 CIP funding is a top priority. Our methodology to project student growth must be more accurate. We must find cost-efficient ways to provide new classrooms, e.g. templates for elementary, middle and high schools to lower design costs or refreshing a school rather than completely rebuilding it. |
| 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 Planning staff have always tried to consider the impacts of growth on our schools and work to identify parcels for schools wherever possible. I would like our Master Plans to be more specifically identify sites, and MCPS should establish a strategic plan to meet growing school needs. |
| 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. The days when developers would donate land for a school are gone. Land is now scarce and expensive. We have already cut back on the amount of land needed for each school type, but a dedicated fund, including developer contributions, would provide money needed to buy good sites. |

Candidate: Leventhal, George L.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Leventhal, George L.

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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 Universal prekindergarten for every family who wishes to use it is a top priority. If I am elected County Executive I will fight in Annapolis for an increase in the tax on table games to use those funds as a protected funding stream for pre-k.

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 Our school have great capital needs. I will advocate heavily at the state level for the share of funds Montgomery County deserves. I will develop magnet/ language programs at most schools to help draw students from over-capacity schools to schools with more classroom space and excellent programming.

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. As County Executive, I will be a strong advocate for our schools and will ensure that the Governor, Senate, General Assembly fully understand our needs. I have decades of good and close relationships with legislators, and will work to build coalitions with other counties.

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 will pursue radical inclusion when it comes to our public schools. I will exert positive pressure on the Superintendent and School Board to expand choice and language programs at sites throughout our county and ensure that any child who wants to pursue rigorous coursework can do so at any school.

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

3.2 Our schools need to make sure that they are listening to the community and reaching out to families in their native languages. Active engagement with community groups like Parent Teacher Associations should have the highest priority.

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 We must demonstrate our commitment to inclusion in all our programs and lead by example. We must recruit more employees with language skills to increase communications with non-English-speaking parents. We need to promote an active dialogue between the school system and our diverse



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Candidate: Leventhal, George L.

communities	
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 health and well-being of our students must be assured. In areas of emerging concern, like digital safety and WiFi exposure, school standards and regulations must be developed in close consultation with the community to ensure that they reflect the needs and values of those we serve.
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 It is difficult to overstate the importance of nutrition and health, and these topics should be fully integrated into the curricula. The classroom lessons must be reinforced and supported by the policies and practices of 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 Mental health needs are as important as any other health need, and counseling services should be available to all who need them. When I established the Montgomery Cares program, I made certain that it included services for behavioral health. We need more mental health services in our 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 We must increase our efforts to ensure that all students and school personnel are safe and secure. This includes security staff reflective of our county's demographics. We cannot compromise on the safety of our students and teachers.
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 keep pace growing enrollments and address our aging infrastructure with new buildings. Leased space and conversion of vacant offices to classrooms can alleviate short term crowding. When necessary, I would encourage the Board to look carefully at boundary changes to prevent overcrowding
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 Development has significant impacts on the community, placing increased demands on local school and other public amenities. We must make school land and construction needs an integral part of any development plan.
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 Growth and development enrich our county, but they also have costs that are borne by the community as a whole. It is entirely reasonable for land developers to help finance the infrastructure needs of the new communities they create.

Candidate: Acevero, Gabriel



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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

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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. 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: Ahmed, Anis

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

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: Ahmed, Anis

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: Al-Shareffi, Esam



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Al-Shareffi, Esam

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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 would oppose any decrease in state funding as this would lead to either increases in already high property taxes or reduced funding for education, neither of which is palatable

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 Clearly, casino revenue should supplement school funding. I would oppose any net decreases to funding 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 Absolutely! Studies have shown the dramatic benefits from early childhood education and it should be offered to all interested families. Funding would have to be devoted from both state and county sources.

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 On this issue, I do support State control over start and end-times, so there is a uniform date for the entire state. I think the decision should be made in consultation with local school boards, but on this one, I support the current system.

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 Absolutely. While more capital funding will necessarily go to the more impoverished/dilapidated school systems, I would push for budgeting that would more closely align with the school 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 Absolutely, collaboration between state and county officials and school boards is highly desirable and we must support innovative and novel initiatives with the potential of making education better for students.

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 obligation of the state to provide high quality instruction without regard to the conditions mentioned should be enshrined in state law and adequate resources allocated to make that possible.

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

3.2 The best results require close communication between school officials, parents, and students. Regular updates on school performance and ways for interested parents to contribute should be prioritized

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 Clearly conveying that it is a top goal to create a nurturing environment (e.g. yearly assemblies, communication with families) AND more importantly but acting this way each and every day (counseling/sanctioning students who bully or create an unsafe environment), students will get the message.



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Candidate: Al-Shareffi, Esam

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 developed at the county level after much study and input from experts to ensure students have the best standards achievable in these important 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 As a resident psychiatry physician, allocating resources for good mental health and counseling services is a top priority for me.

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 Absolutely, it is common sense to establish a duty to report when it comes to serious crimes, as this will lead to best safety

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 State support for both educational funding and capital improvement projects should keep pace

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: Barrie, Fatmata



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Barrie, Fatmata

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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

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: Barrie, Fatmata

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 with increased capacity. It's common sense and what I would push for if elected.

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: Bartlett, Bobby



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Bartlett, Bobby

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

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: Bartlett, Bobby

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: Barve, Kumar P.



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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

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

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

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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 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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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

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

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

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: Cooper, Jordan

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 The State should not shift its responsibility of funding MCPS to Montgomery County, which already accounts for just over half of the county budget. Citizens and legislators should advocate against such a recommendation if it were to materialize.

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. It should be channeled into dedicated funds separate from general funds.

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 would need to be funded by an increase in income taxes. It could also be funded by savings from my healthcare plan. This is an issue facing all Americans but we should pursue solutions at every level until we succeed.

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. I oppose the later school 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 We need to work with other jurisdictions to convey that a successful MCPS system brings stable tax revenues to the state from Montgomery County and those funds are spent across the state.

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 We need to reduce the student to teacher ratio.

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

3.2 Jack Smith needs to hold town hall meetings a la Josh Starr.

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 cultural sensitivity.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Cooper, Jordan

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 ensure that guns remain off campus and that every child has access to healthcare.

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 fully support access to mental health coverage.

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. This law can be abused, creating liability for those who may not really have witnessed anything.

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 fully committed to keeping class sizes small in accordance with recommended class sizes.

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: Crider, Brian



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Crider, Brian

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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1.2 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: Crider, Brian

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: Crutchfield, Charlotte



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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

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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: Cullison, Bonnie

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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.

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 [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: Currier, Nuchhi

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 Montgomery County should fight to ensure that it gets its share of funding from the State. The county's schools are in a moment of transition with a changing school population and expanding enrollment and the State needs to play its part in ensuring the s

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 revenue should supplement, and not supplant, school funding. The State's commitment to education funding must be at the top of our priorities, and not be linked to potentially fluctuating casino revenues.

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 has been established to be a key component of a child's future success. Like K-12 education, funding for the expansion of early childhood education needs to be addressed by an alliance between federal, state and county funds.

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 Schools should be able to respond to parents' and community needs - which do vary at the local level - effectively. I will work to ensure the local school boards have control over decisions that allow them to be able to take action to deliver to their res

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 Montgomery County drives growth across Maryland. Maintaining the quality of schools needs to stay on top of the state's investment priorities. As the Kirwan Commission recommendations are debated, I will ensure that PPS for our students reflects the high, and increasing, enrollment in MCPS schools.

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 have spent my career building coalitions to get things done, and I will explore and enthusiastically support all opportunities for alliances that will bring Montgomery County much required funds.

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 support systems for teachers that allows for differentiated learning in the classroom - whether those differences are across language, learning levels or learning styles. This will also require a commitment to hiring teachers and support staff from diverse backgrounds.

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

3.2 Regular updates about planned infrastructure investment and upgrades, across new media avenue. The school system also needs to have more regular forums to discuss key school level 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 A founding principle of American is that our diversity makes us richer. We need to sensitize our teacher and students to celebrate diversity, and to reject bigotry and suspicion of those different from us. We also must update our curriculum so that it explicitly and implicitly teaches inclusion.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Currier, Nuchhi

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 For students to succeed academically, they must feel safe, both physically and mentally. There is a need for larger discussion at the state, and national, level about what we must do to ensure this. Standards should only be imposed once there has been sufficient discussion with 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 There is increasing bipartisan consensus on the need for improved mental health services at the school level for all students, I stand in firm support of these moves. We need better training, and funding - and this needs to be achieved through alliances of federal, state and county resources.

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 The versions of Failure to Report Laws that have been presented in Annapolis are riddled with issues - from unclear definitions to punishment that is far too punitive to social workers and teachers. We need to refine previous bills to pass Failure to Report legislation that safeguards our children.

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 commit to ensuring MCPS gets adequate funding at the state level - through the State Education Fund and supplementary sources, when necessary, so that they are able to continue to stay at the top of Maryland Public Schools.
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]
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Candidate: Day, Bill



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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

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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]

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Day, Bill

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6.2 [No response requested]

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Dayhoff, Justin

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

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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2. Capital Improvements

Answers

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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

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Domenici, Helen

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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

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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: 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.

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: 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

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 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: Espy, Jaye

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

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]

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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: Espy, Jaye

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?

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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]

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Fenati, Patricia

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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

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

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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?

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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: Franks, Ron



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Franks, Ron

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 We should respond by having the Kirwan Commission to review its formula. The growth of MCPS enrollment must be taken in to consideration otherwise funding levels will fall further behind what is 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 it should and, importantly, we should restore funding levels to correct for the drop in allocated funding. This correction is necessary because the funds from the trust have been used to justify a reduction in funding from the general budget.

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 something I believe we should have in Maryland. However, I think that it would be best if pre-k expansion were to be operated locally. For example, MSDE would provide funding to schools systems who would fund and regulate the system.

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 that local school boards should maintain as much autonomy as possible. They are entity most in-tune with the needs of the community in which they operate. To that end, I would support legislation that preserves the autonomy of local school board

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 I certainly believe that MCPS needs more capital funding from the State. I believe one way to address this would be to have IAC adjust its cost share formula to take in factors like the growth of a school system and status of it's existing facilities

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 will support more state-local collaboration on these 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 1) Review policies/practices that negatively impact minority students (minority being those who fit a category in the question), 2) Require opportunities for all staff and students to engage in inclusivity training and activities, 3) Address funding disparities.

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

3.2 1) having enough staff to execute an out reach plan effectively, 2) developing a plan to increase engagement with parents/ students whose 2nd language is English.

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 African-American, I know from first hand experience the value of living, learning and working in an environment that is culturally tolerant. Creating a sense self-value within the student will go a long way in helping them overcome whatever obstacles they may face.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Franks, Ron

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 a general sense, regulations should be established and implemented based on the core principal of providing the best educational environment possible.

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 undergraduate degree is in psychology and my first job out of college consisted of helping inmates receive mental health services once the left prison. I know full well the importance of receiving this care and will fight to make sure there is funding for it.

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 adopt failure to report laws. By assigning a duty to those who witness or are made aware of abuse, it will prevent people from turning a blind eye to the problem

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 work to make sure that MCPS receives as much funding as possible. By stressing the growth of and size of our system, I plan to work with the entire Montgomery County Delegation to make MSDE view more funding for MCPS a priority.

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: Fraser-Hidalgo, David



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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

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

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

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: Frieder, Amy

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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 I would support rejecting any recommendations of reducing State contributionsto MCPS. I support the Kirwan Commission's recommendations to invest in earlychildhood education, provide more support for at risk students, and increascompensation of teache

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 support legislators' current efforts to change the State constitution torequire that the money raised by casinos for education be used to enhancschool funding rather than supplant 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, I support universal pre-K education for all Montgomery County residents. It should be funded with revenue from cannabis taxes and funds from both the State and the 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 County school boards should have autonomy over most decisions, including school start- and end-dates. The General Assembly has the authority to pass legislation to override the executiveorder on school start dates, a measure I would consider if elected.

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 should look into a possible requirement that State capital funding be proportionate to school 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, I support State/local collaboration for funding new initiatives.

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 policies that help provide opportunities for all children across all circumstances: the social model of disability, focusing on inclusion; restorative rather than exclusionary discipline; and special programs such as magnet and immersion programs.

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

3.2 Language accessibility - MCPS students come from more than 157 countries and speak 150 languages!

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'm committed to young women, students of color, LGBTQ students, students with disabilities, immigrant students, and religious minority students. I support the MCPS Equity Initiatives Unit for racial/cultural education, and I support a Youth Drop-In Center for the 1,300 homeless students in MCPS



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Frieder, Amy

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 advance school standards to fit 21st century issues: age-appropriate education on consent and sexual/domestic abuse, financial literacy, media literacy, 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 Mental health and counseling must be a priority, especially in stressful times - after school shootings, for example.

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 must do what we can to prevent child abuse.

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 support prioritizing school construction and capacity expansion so that schools don't become even more overcrowded than they already are. If elected, I will work to ensure that MCPS receives the State capital funding it needs.

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: Gibbs Watson, Verelyn



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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

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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

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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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?

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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]

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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

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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

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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

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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?

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5. Safety

Answers

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6. Growth

Answers

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6.2 [No response requested]

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6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Haffner, Julian



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Haffner, Julian

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

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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]

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3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Haffner, Julian

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 [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

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Candidate: Halverson, Laurie



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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

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 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

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, 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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Candidate: Halverson, Laurie

classroom safety, building safety, pedestrian safety, & understandable report cards.

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

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

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.

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Hennessey, Joseph Aloysius

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

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Answers

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

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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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Answers

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6.3 [No response requested]

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Hoverman, Andy

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

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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Candidate: Hoverman, Andy

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Jacobs, Harvey

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Answers

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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: 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.

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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: Jenkins, Marlin



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

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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 not allow reductions to state contributions to Montgomery County Public Schools. We need delegates that can articulate that Montgomery County streets "are not paved with gold." We must actively combat the stigma that we are a rich jurisdiction.

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 lockbox legislation for casino revenue. We must keep the promise made to Marylanders when they originally voted to allow Casinos. Casino revenue should supplement school funding in 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 I support making early childhood education accessible to all Montgomery County residents. This can be addressed by passing lockbox legislation on the casino revenue. I don't believe this is strictly an state or county issue. It is an shared issue the same as other education issues.

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 local school boards should be autonomous. I would support legislation that would require the general assembly to approve such decisions as 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 Yes, this should be remedied. Montgomery County should be receiving at minimum our fair share of state capital funding. This can be remedied by creating more revenue to be shared by all school systems. In my opinion, creating the lock box legislation will put us on the right path.

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 state/local collaboration that would result in new ideas or approaches to school construction. In these current times, education and our children's future are the priority. Thus, we must be prepared to bring all options to the table for the sake of education.

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 our schools and programs are funded at an adequate level. We should eliminate unnecessary testing and focus on providing holistic educational programs for all our student focused on both college and career readiness.

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

3.2 MCPS's priorities should be reach all families notwithstanding their socioeconomic status, race, creed, color, or national origin

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 18 plus year veteran of the Military, I understand the importance ensuring a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance. In order to ensure this environment one must be present to provide guidance and positivity. I fully intend to be a partner with District 19 schools to assist.



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Candidate: Jenkins, Marlin

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 to ensure our students are operating in a safety environment. We are aware the internet moves matters very quickly. Thus, as a legislator we have to ensure the legislation is reflective of the technology and allows students to maximize it safely.
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 Yes, I believe Maryland should enact Failure to Report laws. Individuals in positions of authority should have the responsibility to report information they are aware of. "If you see something, say something." In order to maintain the safety of our children everyone must be on guard.

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 Education is my number one priority. My mother raised three boys on her own in one of the poorest areas of the country. Without public education, I would not be where I am today. I believe education is the great equalizer and I 100% commit to fighting to ensure MCPS has all the resources necessary.
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: Johns, Mila



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Johns, Mila

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 would suggest that the delegation fight any suggested cut fiercely, Montgomery County schools are underfunded as it is, and I would adamantly oppose any reduction in state support. I have actually made mandating the Geographic Cost of Education Index supplemental funding a key issue in my campaign.

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. The table gaming legislation was sold to the public with a myth that the revenue would go to schools - instead it has been used to free up general fund dollars for other things. That's not what Marylanders voted for. I support completely lock-boxing gambling revenue as SUPPLEMENTAL funding 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 Yes, I believe early childhood education is a critical social justice issue. I believe it should be mandated at the state level, but implementation may involve County resources. I support the use of gaming revenue, as well as revenue as an enhancement per 1.2

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 Yes, I support local board autonomy on some critical issues. I do not believe the governor should be able to unilaterally set the academic calendar, and would support legislation to curtail that power.

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 support measures to increase MoCo's share of school construction funds. Distributing operating money equally on a per student basis (adjusted by the GCEI) is a matter of equity. But in capital budgets, the district with the largest and fastest growing student population should receive preference.

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 am very supportive of these recommendations. The current way requests are prioritized and processed through the Board of Public Works provides too little flexibility.

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 1) Early childhood education. The impact on future success has been demonstrated. 2) Enhanced wraparound services. Teachers should be teaching - we need more social workers, counselors, and other professionals in schools to provide support. I believe in the community school model.

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

3.2 I am the co-chair of a committee on my daughter's PTA, and I still feel uninformed about what's being done on big issues like infrastructure. MCPS does a decent job communicating essential information quickly but for big issues I think parents need more direct contact with central administrators

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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Candidate: Johns, Mila

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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 I am co chair of my PTA's LGBT and Diversity subcommittee. We are focused on developing actual proactive programming around diversity and tolerance - which is crucial given MCPS enrollment growth and demographics. In Annapolis, I would work to promote policies that support this goal.</p> <p>4.2 State regulation can mandate increases in badly needed support services like mental health a social work access. On digital safety issues, we are still at a nascent stage in understanding the safest ways for tech access to promote learning - as we know more regulation can play a vital role.</p> <p>4.3 [No response requested]</p> <p>4.4 MCPS does not currently have enough mental health resources or support for students. providing enhancement funds for mental health professionals in our schools would be a priority for me as a legislator.</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 [No response requested]</p> <p>5.2 Yes. We have an absolute duty to keep our children safe, and I believe that failing to report suspected abuse should be legally discouraged.</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 I am committed to ensuring the MCPS receives funding in line with its current and future needs, as opposed to the historic formulas that have not given us our fair share of state resource & to fighting to keep the GCEI in the funding formula despite the current Kirwin commission recommendations.</p> <p>6.2 [No response requested]</p> <p>6.3 [No response requested]</p> |
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Candidate: Kaiser, Anne R.



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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

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 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

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 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

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 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.

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: Kelly, Ariana



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Kelly, Ariana

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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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.

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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

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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

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4. Health and School Climate

Answers

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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.

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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?

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: Khan, Hamza Sarwar

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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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

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Khan, Hamza Sarwar

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: King, Marc A.



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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, availabilty 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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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: Lande, 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 Funding for our schools, this is a fight we must not lose. For the over 150000 students enrolled in MCPS their education is worth much more than gold. Getting these students the best services, schools and stem, vocational and peace studies classes will be my priority in Annapolis.

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 All revenues from gambling should go towards education. When would not a school want funding? It is despicable the amount of money being generated by gambling that is not going towards education. Schools should be seeing returns from Casinos. Expanding casino fine as long as going towards 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 This is a state, county and national issue. Children need benefits out of the womb. A gas tax, cigarette tax or any tax could provide oe of the most vital and important programs for low social-economic groups. Getting children care as six month olds should be a national 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 Strong arm tactics and over reach by state and federal authorities are outrageous. These are teacher's classrooms. I would look for legislation to give full autonomy to local school boards. Lets get most all of this testing out of the classroom and get back to learning.

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 would be in favor of legislation that gets MCPS up to 18% or what percent in line. I am also in favor of an alcohol tax for state wide funding of schools.

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 favor.

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 Better schools, smaller classrooms, better STEM and vocational funding, greater arts programs, and peace and conflict resolution classes. I believe I am the only politician in Maryland called for such a curriculum proposal. To fund this curriculum starting at age 7 importance for MCPS.

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

3.2 I believe these peace studies classes a start. Lets not arm our teachers with guns, lets arm them with peace and conflict resolution skills!

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 in favor of all teaching that can use empathy. Children understand empathy. Whether a minority, homosexual or illegal immigrants, children do learn respect tolerance and open mindedness for all. I feel we need conflict resolution, peace studies and gun control legislation.



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Candidate: Lande, 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 I would like France ban cell phone use for elementary aged students during class. Classrooms should have all the technological advantages but they also need to sit children with text books and chalk boards.

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 Yes. But furthermore we now have SMART GUN technology that supposedly can put a lock on guns so they can not fire in schools. I am proposing legislation that every gun that the technology can be fitted with in the state of Maryland has this and other smart gun technologies.

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: Lenzondzo, Malik



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Lendzondzo, Malik

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

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: Lendzondzo, Malik

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: Lopez, Lesley J.



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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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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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Candidate: Love, Sara

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

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

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: Luest, Helga

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

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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Candidate: Luest, Helga

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

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: Mack, Kevin



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Mack, Kevin

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.

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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: Mack, 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

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: Milano, Leslie



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Milano, Leslie

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 The MoCo delegation must band together, refusing to accept any recommendation that reduces MCPS' State-based contributions. Strong refusal means non-compliance with business as usual. The delegation needs to join with the County Council to adequately convey the economic challenges for MoCo.

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 supplement current funding. We need a lockbox on the Education Trust Fund so that casino profits go toward spending above and beyond the state's K-12 funding formulas. We need evidence-based arguments for closing the \$3B gap, and an organized grassroots to push it through.

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! Start with the greatest need (ESOL, low-income) with timed phase-in for others. Funding: 1) casino gaming funds, cut country club tax break, 2) large scale economic growth, 3) diversify with partnerships, 4) external revenue via grant-seeking Authority. First MoCo pilot, then expand to state.

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 boards should have autonomy. It's critical that the General Assembly and Governor's office not make substantive decisions specific to the subject matter expertise of teachers and board members. Need to eliminate unilateral decision-making and create mandate for Board of Ed sign-off.

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 MoCo delegation must band together, just as Baltimore did when it was granted \$1B. The delegation, in collaboration with county council, must present a unified front to demand the 6%, particularly when our student numbers are growing by the thousands.

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. Incentives are a normal component of business. I have identified external sources of revenue for school construction, as this is one of the reasons I entered the race. I've also spoken with County Council members on ways to reduce costs so as to increase the number of projects completed

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 start with universal pre-K for children, with a priority on ESOL and low-income children, provide proper funding for evaluating advanced students, incorporate modern technologies like distance learning, and assess (and meet) actual needs of each school and its student population.

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

3.2 Parents are busy. Working, low-income parents have additional challenges. We need to meet parents and families where they are at with robust communications in native languages. In addition, townhall meetings with online participation will bring families closer to their school communities.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Milano, Leslie

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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 Cultural sensitivity and tolerance start with a commitment by all stakeholders. Whether in-school initiatives, extracurricular events, community events in collaboration with schools, targeted communications, or increased standards, I am committed to prioritizing diversity and 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 I plan to work with groups such as MCCPTA to identify, propose and pass best practice standards for areas affecting our children. As a member of our PTA and a public health executive, I am ready to advance new evidence-based standards for our children's overall wellbeing, with appropriate mandates. |
| 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 Bottom line: We need increased funding for mental health services. We need to work with gun violence prevention orgs, MCEA, PTA, and journalists to make the case for adequate funding. I've done a great deal of grassroots organizing, and I'm passionate about this issue. Current services are lacking. |

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. Our laws, regulations and policies must prioritize the health, safety and wellness of children. We must provide the necessary support for our teachers so they are empowered to file the requisite reports. We need processes so that the burden for detection doesn't fall solely on teachers. |

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 Portable trailers and/or class ratios of 28:1 are unacceptable. We need to: 1) fight for all available state dollars (6% of our allocation, Casino funds, cut country club tax break), 2) diversify revenue streams with partnerships, 3) create a grant-seeking Authority, 4) employ distance learning |
| 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: Moon, David



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Moon, David

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 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

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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 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: Morales, Marice Ivette

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

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: Morales, Marice Ivette

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: Ostroff, Michael A.



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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.

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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

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Answers

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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?

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: Palakovich Carr, Julie



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Palakovich Carr, Julie

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 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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Candidate: Palakovich Carr, Julie

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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 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

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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 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

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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 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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Candidate: Pasti, Dave

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 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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Candidate: Paul, Samir

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 We have to stop this before it happens, and I'm the teacher/PTA activist for the job. Our delegation should know first-hand -- and communicate -- the growing financial need in Montgomery. We need funding formulas that raise state aid for everyone, especially fast-growing counties like ours.

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 Lockbox casino revenues for schools. I helped MSEA lead the #FixTheFund effort, which would yield \$500mil per year. Kirwan recommended \$3bil in new state school spending. More radically: The real money is in table games, not slots. Let's change the revenue split to favor kids, not gambling magnates.

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 teach high school and see understand the impact of pre-K. It cannot happen without huge funds, so the State should tackle it via Kirwan funding increases. I envision a diverse delivery system run through school districts, with funding to plan for facilities and to certify more teachers.

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 seen first-hand in my AP Computer Science classroom the fruit of Governor Hogan's school calendar overreach. I support school-board autonomy, and I would defer to them except in cases where the state needs to intervene to ensure access to a free, appropriate, and excellent public education.

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, we should use our status as an economic engine. Future corporate incentive packages should have dedicated school construction funds. Second, when the Assembly has leadership transitions, our delegation should back a candidate who promises a billion-dollar MoCo school construction infusion.

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 incentives to drive state/local collaboration. I am particularly interested in repurposing Montgomery County's vacant non-downtown commercial office space to house innovative school models, like a pop-up robotics-themed school. We can find under-used facilities that meet specialized 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 We need more state funding for low-income, ESL, and special needs kids. We need smaller early childhood classes, especially in high-need areas. We must recruit and retain the best and most diverse teachers, paraeducators, and administrators. We must strengthen and expand gifted/enriched instruction.

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

3.2 MCPS needs to invest institutional support into strengthening PTAs. In my years as a high-school PTSA vice president, I saw how difficult it is to broaden participation. The parents we most need to reach are often the hardest to bring in. MCPS funding and data would help build the parent voice.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Paul, Samir

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 student should be ready to succeed no matter where they're from, whom they love, whom they worship, or what language they speak. I worked to expand opportunity by starting an after-school program that serves forty 3rd-grade girls, low-income students, and other groups underrepresented in STEM.
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 use state regulations to make sure our public schools follow the best peer-reviewed research around safety, mental health/wellness, digital safety, and more. We cannot afford to tether ourselves to the old conventional wisdom when we learn more every day about what is best for kids.
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 a teacher and PTA officer at a large MCPS high school, I have seen how overburdened our counseling team is; I have testified before the Board of Education many times about allocating more staff. We need more in-school providers who can build relationships with kids and see warning signs early on.

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 We should enact penalties both for not reporting known abuse and for maliciously making a false report. Still, the legal penalties are not enough; mandated reporters already lose their jobs for failing to report. We need to create a culture of vigilance and impartial, independent inquiry structures.

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 In 2005 as news editor of Blair's school newspaper, I published a front-page headline: "BURSTING AT THE SEAMS." Over a decade later as a teacher at Blair, the problem has only gotten worse; now we have portables. Our kids -- from Bethesda to Burtonsville -- deserve better. This is personal for me.
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: Puca, Tony



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Puca, Tony

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 oppose any legislation that reduces the state contributions.

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. We are already discussing legislation that creates a "lockbox" for this revenue and making sure it is used for education as a supplement. The money can be used for school construction, teachers pay and pensions, more programs for students, more counselors and I could name dozens more.

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 it and it is both a county and state issue. As a house member my vote will be on state legislation that will include the county. The Supreme Court is about to make gaming on the internet legal in all 50 states and the revenue from FanDual alone will pay for Pre K and 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 I am in favor of local school board autonomy but it will take considerable legislation to take the school start and end dates away from the state. This becomes both a General Assembly and Executive branch issue. I will promise to join the large group of legislators who favor local 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 Every candidate is going to say they will get more money from the state but the fact is we never get more and actually as the deficit we get less. We can remedy it by creating more state revenue so our 12% is more money. The time has come for us to legalize cannabis and use vacant buildings for schools

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. Fairfax County recently converted a vacant office building to Bailey ES. We can use vacant office space for early education programs, distance learning and off school activities. I favor the CIP approaches but would rather increase all state revenue with Tax reform and closing loopholes.

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 allocate all of our resources of teachers, guidance, counseling, extra aide and money to schools in able to allow them to achieve equity. We should work as hard to close the discipline and expel gaps as we do the test score gaps. Pay sports participation fees for students who can't.

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

3.2 PTA's should have current event and weekly activity mailings sent to parents or available on social media. I'm also in favor of school gatherings and events. If there is trouble or a problem with a student the parents should be notified immediately and if necessary a parent, teacher, student meeting set up.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Puca, Tony

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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 Start by treating all children equally in every manner. Be able to recognize bullying and have the ways to stop it. Include in teaching curriculum the history of accomplishments of other nationalities other than white European as this will give those groups individual pride and respect by peers. |
| 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 Physical health ranges from gym classes to athletics. Mental health and wellness comes from creating an a positive atmosphere that makes everyone feel as part of it. Teachers must be able to tell when a student is in need of help. Any overt violence or intimation must be addressed immediately. |
| 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 schools should have a counselor trained in mental health issues such as suicide, depression, bullying, school place violence etc. MCPS should have professional psychologists on staff. Finally MCPS should bring in psychologists trained in these issues to teach MCPS employees on these problems. |

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. First for the safety of the abused and next for the safety in the future of another students and teachers. to 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 Try to get more money from state. Then try to increase state revenue by reinstating the millionaires tax, freezing the estate tax, closing combined reporting. Legalizing cannabis and online gambling. Converting vacant buildings to schools. Not allowing home construction without adequate schools. |
| 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: Qi, Lily



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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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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

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

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 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?

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 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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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

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: Ransom, Paul

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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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Candidate: Ransom, Paul

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 [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: Reznik, Kirill



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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

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 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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Candidate: Robinson, Shane

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 The delegation should oppose reductions of the state contribution 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 Supplement. This is being addressed through legislation in the 2018 session. I support this legislation.

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 using state and county dollars saved by ending public financial support of private 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 School boards should be autonomous. I would support legislation limiting the ability of the Governor to infringe on key school board decisions.

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 It should be remedied, but it's a big challenge given the wealth disparities among the 24 jurisdictions.

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 defer to MCPS and the school board on this issue.

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 Achieving equity in education goes far beyond the school grounds. Rent stabilization, a living wage law, and universal healthcare would all help with equity in education.

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

3.2 I have two children in MCPS and I think the addition of apps like Class Dojo are excellent. More tools like these please.

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 very committed to a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance and support any effort to improve the climate within MCPS.



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Candidate: Robinson, Shane

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 are an important part of ensuring that students are able to be their best selves and should be adjusted as we learn more.

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 huge issue with an antiquated stigma that still exists. I support increasing funding for 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 Yes. There should be no gray area when reporting abuse.

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 Sustainable school construction funding mixed with increased funding for education.

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: Rubin, Joel



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Candidate: Rubin, Joel

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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 State must contribute more to MCPS! I will fight to grow the MCPS budget through a multi-faceted approach to raise revenues, secure those gains in an Education Fund, and tie funding to enrollment growth. See <http://bit.ly/joel-rubin-MCCPTA-2018> for a fuller response to this and other questions.

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 will press for a State Constitutional amendment to direct casino revenues to supplement the State's education budget and follow a mathematical formula that keeps pace with our school's needs. Casino gambling was promoted as a boon for education funding, not as a mechanism to make ends meet.

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 childhood education is a critical component of a child's emotional, social, and creative development. We should ensure that there is cost sharing between both the State and County so that all Montgomery County children have access to pre-K. Current income eligibility levels are too low.

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 will work with school boards to support their autonomy and legislate in a manner that upholds their ability to make key decisions. Elected school boards are accountable to voters. As an elected Chevy Chase Council Member, I am frequently asked to mediate between local and State-level entities.

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 should move the core education budget from discretionary to non-discretionary accounts. Doing so would reduce the annual appropriations budget fights that weaken the State's financial commitment to the school systems while also providing both guaranteed and predictable funding streams.

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 Working with the County, we should ensure that new housing developments either set aside land and building space for school facilities or contribute funding toward school construction, explore public/private partnerships, and consider empty office building space for high school and pre-k classrooms.

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 take a holistic approach to combating the effects of poverty. Adequate funding, investments in teacher training, physical school modernization, appropriate classroom size, expertly developed curricula, and a diverse faculty are all important factors in achieving equity.

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

3.2 MCPS should prioritize student achievement and student safety in its communication with students and families. It should continue to engage across multiple communications platforms, including social media, email, phone, and direct mail to ensure that all families are reached.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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Candidate: Rubin, Joel

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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 As a member of the Chevy Chase Town Council, after hate-filled Anti-Semitic fliers were found in my town, I led the effort to engage local police, community groups, and experts on hate crimes, culminating in a public forum about how to combat hate speech. As a Delegate, I will continue this fight. |
| 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 must prepare children with the fundamentals on how to stay safe in the digital world. School systems and teachers should emphasize ethics and teach students how to perform effective research to identify fact from fiction. Health-related decisions should be based upon the best available science. |
| 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

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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. It is shameful that only Maryland and Wyoming have not passed legislation that would hold accountable those who do not report the abuse of minors. Such policies can take into account the rights and responsibilities of teachers without sacrificing the health and safety of students. |

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 MCPS must receive its fair share of State funding to meet the needs of its large and diverse student population. I will help to grow the MCPS budget to provide a sustainable funding mechanism for school construction, one that reflects the reality of the ever-increasing MCPS funding demands. |
| 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: Schaerr, Martha



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Schaerr, Martha

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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

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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

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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: Schaerr, Martha

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?

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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: Shetty, Emily



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

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

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 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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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

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. |
| 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: Smondrowski, Rebecca



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Smondrowski, Rebecca

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 The delegation should respond with the facts that show huge demographic shifts in the past decade. Annually, the Board meets with the delegation and we brief them on these shifts and the need for increased state funding. Given the commission's preliminary

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. Revenues from the casinos should be in a lockbox and dedicated to school funding. If necessary, this should be by legislation.

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 Absolutely, I do. It should be funded at the local and state level, because the issue has implications beyond the local.

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 is critical to the independent oversight and functioning of a school system. Working with the legislative team and local jurisdictions, I pledge to make sure the autonomy is not compromised.

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 Increased state funding is absolutely necessary. I am hopeful that the recommendations of the Kirwan commission will address this issue equitably. The state has to come up with creative sources of new revenues.

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 absolutely would support incentives that provide more State funds for projects. The time is now to think creatively and address our CIP capacity issues.

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 resources must be re-programmed to ensure that they address the individual unique needs of each child. All adults must be trained in cultural proficiency. Accountability measures must be in place to assure that we are doing the right things for our students regardless of their circumstances.

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

3.2 MCPS needs to improve on targeted communication by investing in 21st century strategies that use technology and the languages of our parents and students to reach all.

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 chair of the Montgomery County Board of Education's Special Populations Committee, my work has been driven by my passionate commitment to a wholesome, welcoming and safe climate for all children and adults in our classrooms. It is in our policies and regulations, and they are enforceable.



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Candidate: Smondrowski, Rebecca

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, to be effective, must be enforceable. Appropriate resources in personnel and training must be deployed to enforce the incentives and sanctions in 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 [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 proud of my commitment to ensuring adequate mental health and counseling services for MCPS students as evident in my work as chair of the Special Populations committee. We are providing supports in the budget, establishing a Recovery School and looking at how counseling services are delivered.

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 yet another reasonable and enforceable tool to keep children safe from harm.

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 absolutely committed to ensuring that capacity keeps pace with growth, and that class sizes remain small. That has been my work as a member of the Board of Education the past six years. That work will continue if I am elected as a delegate.
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: Sobratti, Clint



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Sobratti, Clint

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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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Answers

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Candidate: Sobratti, Clint

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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5. Safety

Answers

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Answers

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6.3 [No response requested]

Candidate: Solomon, Jared



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Solomon, Jared

Office: House of Delegates **District:** Legislative District 18

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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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]

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Candidate: Solomon, Jared

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Unger, Darian

Office: House of Delegates District: Legislative District 20

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Unger, Darian

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Candidate: Van Wye, Andy



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Van Wye, Andy

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

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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 Montgomery County should not see a reduction in state funding for education. The MoCo delegation should suggest that a greater percentage of the \$2.9 billion, which the Kirwan Commission suggests, come from the state in order to fill in the gap or should oppose legislation harming our constituents.

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 should be a lockbox around the casino revenue as originally promised. I am hopeful this will pass before the end of the current session.

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 state should fully fund universal pre-K throughout the state. Carbon pricing should be used to fund not only universal pre-K, but also a majority of the remainder of Kirwan's recommendations.

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 would be supportive of a law that would give the boards full authority over the school start and end dates.

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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 MoCo seems unlikely to get an increase in funding in the new formula, though a GCEI should remain in the new formula and as previously mentioned, I will fight to make sure there is no decrease in MCPS state 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 I would support these incentives and I believe that there needs to be a focus on school safety in these construction projects. Given recent events, our schools need to be structured to keep our students safe from both natural and man-made disasters alike.

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 universal pre-K is the best way to begin to achieve educational equity. Additional funding for ESOL and special needs students should also help this goal as would increased funding to create more community schools.

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

3.2 Even within MCPS, one size doesn't fit all. I think administrators and teachers should work to develop communication plans that work best for their students and parents. The state should provide resources to help every school succeed in a way that works best for their community.

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Answers

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4.1 Maryland should increase funding for school counselors and therapists so that every student can live their happiest life. This would also help get to the root of bullying and work towards correcting intolerant behavior.



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Candidate: Van Wye, Andy

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4.2 Echoing above, school counselors would help with mental health issues, as would an increase in funding for creative courses in the arts. There should also be increased requirements for physical education and school lunches should have healthier options to help with physical and mental wellbeing.

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 critical for a student to perform their best. Increasing the number of counselors at schools will increase academic performance, happiness levels, and could even save a life. The state needs to include increased counseling funding in new funding formulas.

5. Safety

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5.2 Maryland should enact Failure to Report laws. Between Jerry Sandusky and Larry Nassar, it's clear how dangerous neglecting criminal activity can be, and the state should not be in the business of protecting individuals like them.

6. Growth

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6.1 In order to keep up with growth, Maryland should provide more funding for school construction and should work to hire and retain more teachers in order to keep class sizes small.

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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 [No response requested]

Candidate: Wiles, Jade Jr.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Wiles, Jade 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

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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Candidate: Wiles, Jade Jr.

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?

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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: Wilkins, Jheanelle



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Wilkins, Jheanelle

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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: Zokle, George

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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 delegation must continue to fight against the reduction of funds. The Kirwan Commission must meet obligations that invest in Universal Pre-K, English Learners Programs and champion low-income families. D20 is in dire need of these services. Reducing MCPS funds runs contrary to the Commission's mission.

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 Revenue from these casinos should enhance school funding and we must lock down these funds through legislation. MCPS schools need more funding to address student mental health and cultural needs. We should incentivize casinos to designate sections where 100% of proceeds are given to 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 I support full access to Pre-K for all students. This is both a county and state issue. We can fund Pre-K mandated casino funding and other private partnerships. I support incentivizing casinos to create gambling sections where 100% of proceeds go to 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 other group understands MCPS needs more than local school boards; autonomy is important. I will oppose measures that infringe on local decisions. I will fight so our local school boards are heard. We must hire more teachers and provide more classroom supplies, like technology.

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. Our legislature must seek alternative funding and provide tax incentives for organizations that can help heal our state's education budget crisis. Legalizing recreational marijuana can create more revenue for schools when it is strictly placed in government hands.

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. Innovative approaches to funding school construction are absolutely necessary. We must develop local partnerships and incentivize businesses/organizations to build better schools. Each year the state leaves MCPS further behind. Students deserve much better.

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 If elected to represent D20, I will support cultural awareness programs and support increased mental health services. These programs will create safer environments for all students, including those with disabilities. Smaller class sizes and access to more technology are critical.

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

3.2 MCPS should strengthen the online tracking system to prevent gun violence. This system should include county police, HR faculty, retired teachers, and school board members. This centralized system should be accessible by more stakeholders to learn about suspicious activity to create a united front against gun violence.

4. Health and School Climate

Answers



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Candidate: Zokle, George

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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 Cultural Awareness is one of my top priorities and I will fight for diversity and inclusion programs to prevent abuse and bullying. MCPS must guarantee that every classroom is welcoming for each student, regardless of background. Please visit georgezokle.com to learn more on Cultural Awareness. |
| 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 Increased access to the internet and cybersecurity/monitoring systems should be a priority of local school boards and the state budget. Students should learn about mental health and wellness the same way they learn physical health. We should adopt regulations that fund these programs online. |
| 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 MCPS should adopt a mental health curriculum to be taught in schools and offer after school wellness programs to increase anti-bullying measures. We must increase counseling services to fight our mental health crisis, hire more teachers, and purchase more classroom supplies so students become the best version of themselves. |

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 helped implement one of the first models of child and youth protection in Maryland. Witnesses of abuse must be held accountable for failing to report. My experience as a lawyer and on the County's Children's Panel have prepared me to introduce such laws. I am a survivor myself and always place student safety at the forefront of education. |

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 Small class sizes help close the achievement gap. I will commit to hiring more teachers and building environmentally-friendly classrooms. I will provide parents and retired teachers with more opportunities to lobby for these resources and build community partnerships. |
| 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: Alzona, Marcus



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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.

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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: Beyer, Dana



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Beyer, Dana

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 As a unified force, something we've failed to do in the past. We must make it clear that with nearly 40% FARMS students, we must be taken seriously with respect to 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. This is a moral issue, and gambling was sold as a supplement. Allowing diversions is unacceptable.

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, and this is a state issue. Start with 4 year-olds, then move to 3. It should come from general revenues, and all state children should be treated equally.

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, though I believe state law, such as anti-discrimination law, should apply throughout the state. It's a shame that the calendar is a political football, but carve-outs should be allowed to deal with problem.

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. We have rarely worked together effectively as a county in the past few decades, as Baltimore City did a few years back. The new county delegation needs leadership with the understanding that fairness will only come from the strength of the delegation

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. Needs change, architectural goals change, materials and technology change. Well-paying construction jobs will not only create modern schools but provide good jobs as well. We also need to do a better job with maintenance and upkeep.

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 Start with educating all children at the youngest age possible. Provide oversight to ensure that state and county money is spent equitably. Encourage teachers to choose under-served systems with better pay and benefits. Support community schools, which have greater buy-in from non-parents.

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

3.2 Create more school wellness centers, and run more school fairs to attract parents. Ensure there are sufficient translators to make parents more comfortable.

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've spend the past 25 years working to include the most vulnerable community in America, the trans community, in all walks of life. Teachers, and, more importantly, administrators, must be engaged to ensure empathy and support for all.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Beyer, Dana

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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 board and county council must work together to deal with these growing problems. We've fought for years, unsuccessfully, to increase the number of wellness centers in schools, which function as safe spaces for students. Parents should help create reasonable smartphone usage policies |
| 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 When I worked for CM Trachtenberg we tried, with little success, to increase the number of in-school wellness and mental health centers. I'm still committed. |

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. Why would anyone reject this? Most people do not report, and, as a result, must be encouraged by law to do so. In most cases these are coded out as misdemeanors. |

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 is usually the case, it comes down to educating the public that quality education costs money. We've spend nearly forty years hearing the opposite, and we must stop fearing to speak the truth. Fortunately, most voters put a very high priority on quality 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] |

Candidate: Carhart, Michelle



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Carhart, Michelle

Office: State Senator **District:** Legislative District 18

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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

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: Carhart, Michelle

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: Drozd, Robert



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Drozd, Robert

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 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

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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

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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

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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

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?

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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?

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: 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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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

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1. State Funding + Policies

Answers

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Answers

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3. Communication and Addressing Equity

Answers

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Answers

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Kramer, Ben

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4.3 [No response requested]

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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]

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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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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

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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 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.

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Answers

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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

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Lee, Susan C.

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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 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 |
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| 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] |
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6. Growth

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Office: State Senator **District:** Legislative District 19

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Patel, Dwight

Office: State Senator District: Legislative District 20

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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

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Candidate: Phillips, Al

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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: 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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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

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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

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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]

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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 [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: St. Preux, Vardly E.

Office: State Senator **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 I believe the appropriate response should be to keep the funding proportionsate to growth trends as they pertain to certain areas within the county and the projected numbers of population growth.

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?

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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 I believe that the local school board should retain control of issues involving school districts, as it is most keenly understood by those in direct access to the working information and operational issues involving key decisions. The state should only assist from a standpoint of support.

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 Montgomery County state funding should be proportionate to the growth of the 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, I believe that new ideas and approaches must be considered when metwith growing challenges of key project costs.

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 Students must believe that they can achieve before they will risk trying, and young people are astute at sensing whether their teachers believe they can succeed. By the same token, highly qualified teachers, access to current technology and differentiating instruction to suit the students learning.

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

3.2 I believe that strong partnerships, built on trust and open and honest communication, and establishing relationships with our diverse community require us to understand the perspectives and experiences of others.

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 that in order to foster a climate of cultural sensitivity and tolerance, we must engage every student, every day. learning is achieved by cultivating curiosity and encouraging determination, focus, and hard work; and adult learning and engagement are key to student learning.



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: St. Preux, Vardly E.

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 loaded question that deserves individual attention to each of the areas ranges. Physical and mental health is in itself a lengthy entry.

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 Yes, the reason being that nearly every State and U.S. territory imposes penalties, often in the form of a fine or imprisonment, on mandatory reporters who fail to report suspected child abuse or neglect as required by law.

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 According to Durso Bowers the Montgomery County Council's tentative approval of the Montgomery County Public Schools operating budget for next year provides \$37.9 million of additional funding that will allow us to reduce class sizes in many classrooms across the district and accelerate our effort

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]

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Candidate: Waldstreicher, Jeff



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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

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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]

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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Waldstreicher, Jeff

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Answers

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6. Growth

Answers

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6.2 [No response requested]

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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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2. Capital Improvements

Answers

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Answers

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Candidate: Wang, Josephine J.

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5. Safety

Answers

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Candidate: Wilson, David



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Wilson, David

Office: State Senator **District:** Legislative District 15

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Answers

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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?

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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.

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5. Safety

Answers

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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: Xin, Hongjun

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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 It is ridiculous to reduce contribution to school. I support more contributions to schools or let teachers and students have more resources to build up bright future of the country.

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 can be used to schools to educate kids especially how to identify gambling or fun

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. We can get funds from state.

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 autonomy. More teachers can be elected to state office for better understanding and decision making.

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 issue must be fixed. My first bill will be school related

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

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 Hire More teachers, build more classrooms.

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

3.2 More meeting and open house for 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 Respect kids from different backgrounds



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VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Xin, Hongjun

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 Use world best standard, please

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 must take care of this matter.

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 should join.

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 Get more funds from state or federal.

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: Zucker, Craig J.



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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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