Alaska Parental Rights in Education Candidate Survey

The following questions pertain to your educational experiences and the policies you will support or oppose if elected as a state lawmaker. Laws and regulations inherently make some activities lawful and others unlawful. To the extent that you may personally prefer a particular policy you may indicate your preference, but these questions ask how you will actually govern if elected as a member of the 35th Alaska State Legislature (2027-2028).

1. What types of education did you personally experience as a child (K-12)? Please check all that apply:

- ❑ Public
- ☒ Private
- ❑ Charter
- ❑ Correspondence
- ❑ Magnet
- ❑ Lottery
- ☒ School at home
- ❑ Hybrid
- ❑ POD
- ❑ Vo-Tech
- ☒ Classical
- ❑ Co-op
- ❑ Microschool
- ❑ Online/Virtual
- ☒ Tutor
- ❑ Team Teaching
- ❑ Montessori
- ❑ Waldorf
- ❑ International Baccalaureate (IB)
- ☒ Foreign
- ❑ University-Model
- ❑ Military/Prep
- ❑ Boarding
- ❑ Career and Technical
- ☒ Language Immersion
- ❑ Dual Language
- ❑ Bilingual
- ❑ Tribal
- ❑ STEM/STEAM
- ❑ Democratic/Free
- ☒ Fine Arts
- ☒ Outdoor/Expeditionary
- ❑ Agricultural
- ❑ Dual credit (HS/College)
- ❑ Sudbury
- ❑ Community School
- ❑ Reggio Emilia
- ❑ Acton Academy/Adventure
- ❑ Progressive
- ❑ One Room Schoolhouse
- ❑ Other _____

Comments:

2. What types of education have your children experienced (K-12)? Please check all that apply:

- ❑ Public
- ❑ Private
- ❑ Charter
- ❑ Correspondence
- ❑ Magnet
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- ❑ Other _____
- ☒ I have not had children

Comments:

3. **What does "School Choice" mean to you and is this something you will support if elected?**

School choice is the freedom for parents and children to be able to discern for themselves an education path of their choosing.

4. **Do you support mandatory testing for Alaska K-12 students?**

❑ Yes ☒ No ❑ Unsure (Please explain)

5. **Do you recognize the fundamental right of parents to direct the education of their children?**

☒ Yes ❑ No ❑ Unsure (Please explain)

6. **Who is ultimately responsible to direct the education of a child?**

☒ Parent(s)/Guardian(s) ❑ Teachers/Experts

❑ The State ❑ Other (Please explain)

7. **Do you support the right of parents to opt out of educational content they do not believe to be in the best interests of their child?**

☒ Yes ❑ No ❑ Unsure (Please explain)

Parents always rule the day, pursuant to their rights under the first amendment of our US constitution.

8. **If current state laws with respect to correspondence schools should be changed how would**

I would fund correspondence programs at a 100% level in relation to the BSA, as opposed to the current 90% provision. I would also ensure that more funding reaches the "classroom", meaning, in this scenario, the parent's discretionary spending as it pertains to the education of their child. Additionally, I would want to add additional dollars for parents to allot towards sports fees as they currently must file for reimbursement after the fact instead of having the option included without providing their own cash. Transportation funding must also be addressed for transporting children to and from "off-site" education opportunities such as field trips. Finally, correspondence school children and their families need more access to contact teachers.

9. **Should teachers and school administrators be legally required to promptly inform a parent or guardian if a student has requested to change their gender identity?**

☒ Yes ❑ No ❑ Unsure (Please explain)

10. **Do you support the inclusion of biological male (non-XX) students on girls athletic teams or in spaces set aside for girls under any circumstances?**

❑ Yes ☒ No ❑ Unsure (Please explain)

This is a direct violation of Title IX, and is damaging to the decades of work we have conducted on behalf of women in sports.

If so, under what circumstances? (Please explain)

11. **Should families that choose a correspondence program that is not affiliated with their local school district be required to go through their local school district to access the correspondence program they have chosen?**

❑ Yes ☒ No ❑ Unsure (Please explain)

12. **Should students participating in non-district education programs be permitted to participate in competitive athletics alongside their peers in their local school district?**

☒ Yes ❑ No ❑ Unsure (Please explain)

Provided the non-district in this example is not responsible for the additional funding attached to the participation of a non-district student. Meaning, the funding would need to originate from an alternative source as to not strain the district's budget as the non-district child's state funding (BSA) has not been applied to the district they are participating in sports.

13. **Do you support the presence of a school chaplain on school campuses?**

☒ Yes ❑ No ❑ Unsure (Please explain)

So long as it is merely an option for a parent, family or child to engage with and is not forced upon any person. Must be consented to

14. Do teachers and school employees have a right to self-defense with a firearm at their place of employment, or do teachers and school employees lose their right to self-defense by virtue of working on a school campus?

☒ Yes ❑ No ❑ Unsure (Please explain)

The regulation surrounding this must be air tight and must be consented to by the teacher and all parties must be made aware. Rigorous (which is an understatement in this scenario) training must be applied including psychological tests, past history analysis, etc.

15. Should Alaska high school graduates be eligible to apply for the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) based on college entrance exam scores (ACT/SAT/WorkKeys) alone, regardless of which school or home school a student graduated from?

☒ Yes ❑ No ❑ Unsure (Please explain)

16. Should charter schools be permitted to choose accreditation through either a local school district or the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED)?

☒ Yes ❑ No ❑ Unsure (Please explain)

17. Should Alaska immediately end state policies that discriminate against high school graduates applying for employment in corrections and law enforcement on the basis of whether or not a high school graduate's diploma is from an accredited school?

❑ Yes ☒ No ❑ Unsure (Please explain)

We should methodically approach this question and address all concerns, pros and cons; not "immediately" end.

18. Have you requested or received an endorsement or other support from the NEA or any of its affiliates?

❑ Yes (Please explain) ☒ No

Additional comments (optional)

Thank you for allowing me the time and opportunity to address your questions and concerns. I am delighted to work on behalf of all correspondence programs, representing you in the Alaska State Senate. You can count on my dedication and support for your cause. I believe all forms of education need to be present and available to Alaskan families as no one, nor no method has a "corner on good ideas." Our society is enriched through diverse thought and application of our respective education. If any options expressed here are contrary to your beliefs and opinions, I am more than happy to sit down and chat with you as debate is a healthy method for discourse and finding solutions; I am an open book.