

# NJPSA Questionnaire for NJ Legislature - 2021 General Election

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1. Legislative District #: (answer type: Number)

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2. Office You Are Seeking:&nbsp; (answer type: Short Text)

Senate

3. Party: (answer type: Short Text)

Democrat

4. Campaign Phone Number:&nbsp; (answer type: Short Text)

(908) 578-3133

5. Campaign Mailing Address:&nbsp; (answer type: Long Text)

6. Staff Contact Name and Phone Number (if preferred): (answer type: Long Text)

7. State investment in a state level school facilities strategic plan to address long-ignored school infrastructure needs across all school districts in need in &nbsp;New Jersey&nbsp;; (answer type: Multiple Options With Single Answer)

Support

8. Supporting school employees' (including NJPSA members') rights to collective bargaining (answer type: Multiple Options With Single Answer)

Support

9. An ongoing commitment to the scheduled phase-up of funding of public employee pensions according to the schedule set forth in the law&nbsp;; (answer type: Multiple Options With Single Answer)

Support

10. Private school vouchers in any form (tuition tax credits, opportunity scholarships, etc.)&nbsp; (answer type: Multiple Options With Single Answer)

Oppose

11. No new unfunded state mandates for public schools&nbsp; (answer type: Multiple Options With Single Answer)

Support

12. What health care policy approaches and priorities do you support for our public schools with the goal of maintaining in-person learning? In your mind, since educators are not health professionals, when do you believe a statewide approach is needed and when is a local approach more appropriate in deciding pandemic-related school health policies?&nbsp;&nbsp; (answer type: Long Text)

I believe that having students in classrooms is the most ideal scenario, but only when it is safe for both them and their teachers, administrators and staff. I feel that a statewide mask mandate for both teachers and students in school buildings makes the most sense, but schools should have the choice

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to decide more specific criteria, such as social distancing measures. Each school district is different, and not every guideline will work for everyone.

**13. What issues do you see in this area and how can you assist local districts in addressing school infrastructure needs in both SDA (Schools Development Authority) districts and regular operating districts? &nbsp;&nbsp;  (answer type: Long Text)**

As we recover from COVID-19, we must make school infrastructure a priority so that our students have a healthy and safe environment to learn in. While funding from the American Rescue Plan is helpful, there is always more that can be done. I will work with colleagues on both sides of the aisle, both in the Senate and the Assembly, to secure more funding for our public schools to address these issues.

**14. As a legislator, will you support professional educators in their work with their students and avoid the temptation to mandate specific programs for every school district as we work to meet the individual needs of each student, school and district? &nbsp;  How will you support the work of educators and principals in your district?&nbsp;&nbsp;  (answer type: Long Text)**

I agree that this is the year of recovery and getting our children back to where they need to be should be the main focus of both teachers and support staff.

**15. Do you believe New Jersey students should pass a state graduation test or demonstrate proficiency in math and language arts standards as described above to earn a high school diploma? &nbsp;   (answer type: Long Text)**

Yes, I feel that this will not only have all New Jersey students reach a similar benchmark, but it will also provide educators with the information necessary to continue improving and understanding students' needs.

**16. As a legislator, what will you do to promote education as a positive career path to our youth and what types of initiatives will you consider to enhance the educational career pipeline for the future? &nbsp;  How will you promote diversity within our future workforce?&nbsp;   (answer type: Long Text)**

I believe the narrative that our teachers are superheroes is an effective, yet true one. This year, our teachers have gone above and beyond for our students, so it is only fair that we support them to the best of our ability. This includes, but is not limited to, fully funding our public employee pension system, not just in this year's budget, but for years to come.

**17. Will you vote for legislation (S-3284 (Greenstein)/ &nbsp;  A-5011 (Wimberly) ) that provides the same accidental death benefit to school employees who lost their lives in the service of their school community while performing such essential services? &nbsp;   (answer type: Yes/No)**

Yes

**18. Thinking about the future, what are your goals for our public education system and what actions will you take as a state legislator to support our educators, our students and our schools?&nbsp;   (answer type: Long Text)**

For me personally, my main goal is ensuring that every student, regardless of their zip code, is receiving the same, quality education and has access to the same resources. That is the work that must be done well after we recover from COVID-19.