

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: (answer type: Short Text)

Assembly

3. Party: (answer type: Short Text)

Democratic

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

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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 New Jersey (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 (answer type: Multiple Options With Single Answer)

Support

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

Support

11. No new unfunded state mandates for public schools (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? (answer type: Long Text)

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I support mask requirements in schools as we are seeing cases rise statewide. This is because schools do not require vaccination and under 12 are not eligible yet for the vaccines. When cases drop to a certain level that is not high risk then we can allow localities to handle the situation in their own.

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? (answer type: Long Text)

Schools do need to modernize their infrastructure. Issues such as ventilation, space size, drinking water, air conditioning, broadband, etc. do need to be modernized. Our schools need to be in the 21st Century if they are going to operate.

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? How will you support the work of educators and principals in your district? (answer type: Long Text)

I do believe that in education it cannot always be cookie cutter cut. There are certain things that need to be individualized/localized especially if it enhances the learning of the students.

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? (answer type: Long Text)

I believe that showing proficiency in math and language arts is more effective than a test.

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? How will you promote diversity within our future workforce? (answer type: Long Text)

To promote a career in education as a positive career we need to pay teachers good salaries for the work they do as well as good benefits. For increasing diversity in the field we need to advertise this career in communities with diverse populations.

17. Will you vote for legislation (S-3284 (Greenstein)/ 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? (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? (answer type: Long Text)

My goal for our public education system is to build one where every student has the tools to become life long critical thinkers with the skill set to succeed in life.