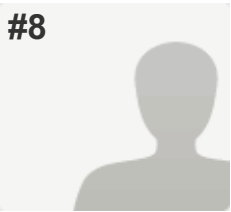


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**Q2: Office sought:** NJ Assembly

**Q3: District:** 30

**Q4: A. With this situation in mind, what would you do to support and financially prioritize the public employee pension systems to restore full funding to the pension systems?**

I am open to any and all fiscally responsible ideas on how to fund the pension system. I have voted in favor of measures that help fund the system, including my recent vote to support the allocation of \$300,000,000 to the pension system.

**Q5: B. Would you vote to support a law ( or an amendment to the New Jersey State Constitution) to require the State to make quarterly pension payments, not end-of-fiscal year payments, to facilitate the State's practice of making pension payments?**

I have voted in support of legislation that would require quarterly payments to be made to the pension system.

**Q6: C. Would you support legislation to raise additional revenue, if necessary, to make public employee pension payments? Would you vote to override the Governor if he vetoes such legislation?**

I am open to all fiscally responsible solutions that would fund the pension system.

**Q7: D. Would you vote in support of a constitutional amendment to our State Constitution to require the State to make its actuarially required contributions to public employee pensions?**

I would be in favor of mandating the state pay its actuarially required contribution to the pension system should the funding be available to do so.

**Q8: A. What is your position on New Jersey's commitment to the Common Core State Standards?**

I believe our state has some of the best school districts and teachers in the county. I also believe that we must make sure Common Core is working for our students and may need to adjust it so that our students are receiving the high quality education they deserve.

**Q9: B. In what areas, if any, do you see a need for change and how would you address those issues in the Legislature?**

As a legislator I would consider the suggestions put forth by teachers and school districts on how best to change Common Core.

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**Q10: A. What is your view on the role of standardized testing requirements, like the PARCC assessment, in student achievement?**

I believe students should only be required to take standardized tests that are mandated by federal and state law. However, I do agree some standardized testing is important to track a students' growth and progress.

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**Q11: B. Would you support or oppose legislation such as A-4165, which creates a state level opt out policy for parents to choose to have their children not participate in federally-mandated annual tests?**

I sponsored this legislation.

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**Q12: C. What is your view of using annual test scores, such as PARCC test results evaluated over time to show student growth, as one possible measure in teacher and/or principal evaluation as set forth in the TEACH NJ Act?**

I believe while test scores should be used in evaluations, evaluations should not be solely based on the scores.

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**Q13: D. What will you do as a state leader to provide leadership and stability to the school community on this issue this school year?**

As a legislator who serves on the education committee I will continue to ensure that meaningful and responsible legislation is passed that will give our students the best possible education they can receive.

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**Q14: A. With this law scheduled to sunset in the next legislative session and as the cost of health care as a percentage of income continues to grow, what are your thoughts on the issue cost containment and health care reform?**

I agree that we must focus on containing the rising cost of healthcare which is driving up the costs for employers and employees.

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**Q15: A. How would you address this growing funding problem in our schools and how would you prioritize school funding in the context of other budgetary challenges?**

It is important we find a school funding solution that will treat fairly all school districts in our state. This is an important issue that should be addressed.

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**Q16: A. Would you support the establishment and funding of a permanent New Jersey School Safety Specialist Academy under the aegis of the DOE, as a central repository for best practices, training standards, and compliance oversight in all matters regarding school safety and security?**

I support the goals of this proposal and would consider any legislation that would make our schools safer.

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**Q17: B. Would you support and fund the designation of school safety personnel - including the placement of specially trained police officers, more commonly known as School Resource Officers, in all buildings as the report recommends?**

I would support school districts who choose to utilize a school resource officer. I would support funding such an initiative so long as it is fiscally responsible.

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**Q18: A. Due to our current low levels of administrative spending and the real need for flexibility within the school budget, particularly in light of new evaluation requirements at every school, would you support legislative efforts to eliminate the double cap on administrative costs within the school budget while maintaining the 2% tax levy cap in the law?**

I would consider any legislation that would give school districts the ability to have flexibility in their school budget.

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**Q19: A. Would you support a moratorium on the imposition of additional mandates through a requirement that all legislation impacting schools include a fiscal note detailing the expense to the state and localities of the mandate?**

I would support legislation that would require fiscal notes detailing the expense to the state and localities from mandates on schools.

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**Q20: 9. YOUR INITIATIVE**If elected, what would be your most compelling initiative in the field of public education?

I would continue to utilize my role as a member of the education committee to advocate on behalf of the students and teachers of this state. I will continue to listen to the students, parents and teachers and will seek to address important issues facing the education committee.

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