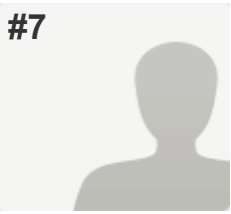


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**Q4: A. With this situation in mind, what would you do to support and financially prioritize the public employee pension systems to restore full funding to the pension systems?**

We must continue to fulfill our commitment to our State's teachers and public employees because they contribute into the system day by day. I am committed to consider all the options on the table to restore full funding to the pension system. This is an important matter for our economic security and the overall state economy, including the middle class.

**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?**

YES

**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?**

YES

**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?**

YES

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

It is essential that we continue to ensure our children with a world-class education that will prepare them for the 21st century work-force. Historically the State of NJ has been consistent developing an adhering curriculum. Common Core has some identifiable flaws such as PARCC testing, yet it is vital that our students continue to be educated in order to give them the necessary skills to succeed.

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

There is always room for improvement. Today, technology has revolutionized our society, therefore, the education system should be kept up to date as technology advances, however, it should not change our commitment to provide our students a world-class education for life success. I commit to identify issues within the educational system and resolve these issues in order to improve our student's educational experience.

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

Standardized testing plays a vital role in our educational system. These tests gives educators an idea of our student's performance and areas for improvement.

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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 supported A-4165 not because of the ideologies formed to standardized testing, but rather because PARCC had technical issues, lack of clarity of how results were to be used, etc. However, we must work together so the number of students of opting out decreases. Moreover, if we resolve these technical issues with the tests and the administration, we can offer tests that are fair and valid.

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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?**

PARCC evaluates teachers and/principals, but requires thorough evaluation in order to get the big picture of an educator's performance.

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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?**

I will continue to work with stakeholders in all capacities, in order to develop solutions for a testing system that assesses students' educational progress.

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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 believe that it is necessary to find a solution/alternative to curb the rising costs of health care. The increased costs should not affect our teachers. We need improvement in the health care structure, so that the overall costs benefits both the employers and employees. I support legislation that would help reduce health care costs by limiting surprise charges for out of network care.

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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?**

Firstly, we need to invest more resources into school funding and comply with the school funding formula in order to do a better job budgeting. Budgeting wisely will provide the necessary tools to our schools statewide. I commit to find resources in order to meet this obligation.

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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?**

YES

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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?**

YES

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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 support the attainment of a greater school financial flexibility in order to meet their needs, yet, within this effort, we have to make sure that property tax does not increase in New Jersey.

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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?**

YES

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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 support/sponsor legislation that focuses on providing a world-class education to our students in New Jersey. This education will help them to be successful in a very competitive society. Nonetheless, I will continue to fight so that our teachers and public employees get a full funded pension.

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