
The Parents Education Association's First Voters Guide on Educational Policy

Basis for Endorsements

We asked all candidates to let us know if they generally agreed, disagreed or had no opinion on the following questions about education in Oregon. Based on their responses, personal interviews and access to their public records, we are endorsing the candidates on the reverse side of this paper.

1. I support the present freedom from state certification enjoyed by teachers and administrators of private schools.
2. I support maintaining the current compulsory educational attendance age of seven years of age, rather than lowering it to six.
3. I would support making home schools as free from state controls as their private school counterparts.
4. I would support a partial educational tax credit for parents of private and home school students.
5. I would support increasing the number of charter and virtual schools that use non-union teachers.
6. I would support returning more control over public schools to local school boards.
7. I would support requiring Oregon's textbooks to teach that the free market system is superior to socialism.
8. I would support requiring Oregon's textbooks to be neutral on whether or not man-made global warming is occurring.
9. I would support making it easier for non-union teachers to teach in Oregon's public schools.
10. I would support giving local school boards the freedom to use nationally normed standardized achievement tests (currently required of home school students) rather than Oregon's Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.
11. I would support freezing or cutting spending for K-12 public schools, believing we have a management problem, not a money problem, in education.

Why Candidate Endorsements Based on Education Policy?

Why has our country moved so far to the left? Why can our government get away with telling us what kind of light bulbs to use? Why are businesses and profit now seen as evil? Why does the government think it can control more and more of our lives? Why can they get away with defining the very air we exhale as a pollutant, and a danger to the globe? Why are parents belittled for trying to enforce morality over their teen children?

We believe that, to a large extent, this is a direct result of public schools that are dominated by liberal bureaucracies and progressivist (socialist) teacher unions like the National Education Association.

A generation of children have been raised by the leftist public schools, a generation that knows not the blessings of a free market, environmental sanity and freedom. Long term, only a sea change in schooling will bring what we all long for - the blessings of the Lord upon our State and Nation once more. We are dedicated to that long term vision. This, our first Voters Guide on Educational Policy, is the beginning of what we hope will be long-term substantive institutional educational change. To God be the glory.

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Candidate Endorsements

Oregon House of Representatives

Lew Barnes 32nd District
Katie Eyre Brewer 29th District
Kevin Cameron 19th District
Jason Conger 54th District
Sal Esquivel 6th District
Gordon Fiddas 35th District
Tim J Freeman 2nd District
Bruce Hanna 7th District
Kitty Harmon 44th District
Wally Hicks 3rd District
John E Huffman 59th District
Mark Johnson 52nd District
Bill Kennemer 39th District
Kathy LeCompte 22nd District
Shawn Lindsay 30th District
Kelly R Lovelace 11th District
Julie Parrish 37th District
R Scott Roberts 9th District
Marvin Sannes 21st District
Diane Schendel 36th District
Patrick Sheehan 51st District
Kim Thatcher 25th District
Jim Thompson 23rd District
Matthew Wand 49th District
Andre Wang 50th District
Gene Whisnant 53rd District
Matt Wingard 26th District
Bill Young 13th District

Oregon Senate

Dave Dotterrer 3rd District
Michael W Forest 11th District
Larry George 13th District
Marilyn Kittelman 4th District
Steven Kirkpatrick 17th District
Mary Kremer 19th District
Bruce Starr 15th District

Circuit Court Judge

Monte S. Campbell 12th District, Position 2

Governor

Chris Dudley

NOTE: This is a very important position in terms of educational policy in Oregon. The next Governor will appoint all seven members of the State Board of Education, The Board wields a lot of power over all schooling in Oregon, for good or for ill.

U.S. Congress

Rob Cornilles 1st District
Greg Walden 2nd District
Delia Lopez 3rd District
Art Robinson 4th District
Scott Bruun 5th District

U.S. Senate

Jim Huffman

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