

CAP Survey for School Board 2022 –Mindy Thomas

1. Requiring school officials, including teachers, to inform parents about their child's social, mental, emotional, or physical health

☒ **Support**

☐ Oppose

☐ Decline to Respond

1. Comments

There should be no secrets held from the parents about their children. Competent teachers share openly about their students; they're not required to inform parents.

2. Allowing parents to opt their children out of activities or lessons they find offensive to their personal, moral, or religious beliefs

☒ **Support**

☐ Oppose

☐ Decline to Respond

2. Comments

No comments

3. Increasing state and local taxes to provide more funding for schools and school facility projects

☐ Support

☒ **Oppose**

☐ Decline to Respond

3. Comments

Our district has \$80.5 million in public debt - until 2036. Our grandchildren are in debt! More money is unsustainable. This is not the answer.

4. Requiring signed permission from a parent before a student may participate in any sexuality related instruction, activities, or clubs."

☒ **Support**

☐ Oppose

☐ Decline to Respond

4. Comments

No comments

5. Allowing all parents to use tax credits, vouchers, or education savings accounts to enable children to attend any public, charter, private, homeschool, or online academy

☒ **Support**

☐ Oppose

☐ Decline to Respond

5. Comments

The money belongs to the tax payers and is subject to their discretion.

6. Requiring full-day kindergarten for all students



Support



Oppose



Decline to Respond

6. Comments

The parents have the authority to choose how long of a day is good for their child.

7. Mandating sex education classes for 5th-12th grade students



Support



Oppose



Decline to Respond

7. Comments

The authority lies with the parents to choose which scientifically provable biological facts should be taught to their children.

8. Allocating teacher pay raises based upon merit rather than providing uniform salary schedule increases based upon years of teaching or additional credentialing (e.g. masters degrees)



Support



Oppose



Decline to Respond

8. Comments

Merit is undefined here. Teachers should be paid according to their entire teaching history and experience no matter where they move to.

Extended answer to Question 8 that would not fit on the survey.

Districts that recognize the teacher's entire history and experience will attract excellent teachers that need to be paid accordingly, even if that teacher moves from another district or out of state. We need healthy competition, and teachers who will inspire and challenge their students to delve deeper into the subject they are learning. We need teachers who can increase the students' comprehension between multiple subjects, in order to develop wisdom and critical thinking skills. This will give our children the confidence to lead their families, our community and our country. Merit is not defined in this question and unfortunately it can have a different meaning from district to district, even when it comes to teacher training.

9. Implementing policies to allow students and faculty to use the restroom, locker room, and shower room that aligns with their gender identity



Support



Oppose



Decline to Respond

9. Comments

Parents have the authority to teach their own children about their identity. We want personal boundaries enforced and protected.

10. Teaching what is known as diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI); social, emotional learning (SEL); or critical race theory (CRT) in public schools.



Support



Oppose



Decline to Respond

10. Comments

No comments

11. Increasing academic (curriculum) transparency by requiring each public school to post online for parents and the public a list of all instructional materials being used in the classroom.



Support



Oppose



Decline to Respond

11. Comments

Parents will stand by excellent teachers who teach their curriculum and welcome this partnership. Competent teachers are more than willing to be transparent.