

Dear Candidates for the James City County Board of Supervisors,

This questionnaire below was designed to help those who support public schools in our community understand your approach to WJC Schools so that they can make an informed decision about whom to support in the upcoming election.

You may simply reply to this email to return the completed questionnaire back to me at mike@supportschoolsnow.org

Please respond by September 15.

Thank you for your time and your interest in serving the citizens of James City County. (Please reply immediately just to let me know that you received this email.)

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JAMES CITY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CANDIDATES

Please answer each question below and EXPLAIN your answers in a DETAILED manner:

1. Will fully funding WJC Schools' operating and capital budgets as proposed by the WJC School Board be your top priority? If not, why not?
RESPONSE:

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2. Are you committed to providing funding to WJC Schools so that teachers' salaries (as well as salaries of other support staff such as teacher assistants, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, etc.) are highly competitive with divisions in our region of the state as well as divisions across the state in areas with financial resources similar to our own (as measured by the state's "composite index")?
RESPONSE:

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3. Are you committed to providing funding to WJC Schools so that schools are fully staffed and space is available (primarily in permanent buildings, not trailers) to keep class sizes down?
RESPONSE:

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4. How will you determine how much funding to provide to WJC Schools' operating and capital budgets? What factors will be part of your decision making process? Do you believe that the school division spends funds effectively and efficiently or do you believe there is significant wasteful spending?
RESPONSE:

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5. What is your vision of the relationship that should exist between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board? What is your perception of the relationship that exists today? If elected, would you change this relationship that exists? If so, how?
RESPONSE:

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6. Under what conditions should the Board of Supervisors direct educational policy by placing conditions on funding?

RESPONSE:

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7. Are you willing to acquire property for school sites using eminent domain if necessary? If so, under what conditions would you utilize eminent domain? If not, why not?

RESPONSE:

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8. In the most recent budget cycle do you think the Board of Supervisors provided too little funding, too much funding or just the right amount of funding for the schools? In light of the recent \$2.8 million shortfall in the county budget, should the schools be held harmless or should the schools be made to return funds?

RESPONSE:

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9. Do you support the school division's efforts to expand preschool opportunities for at-risk students? Would you support with additional county funds local efforts to expand preschool opportunities even further in collaboration with the school division, private preschools and the state?

RESPONSE:

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10. If recommended by the Alternative Education Task Force, would you support capital funds for a facility to house alternative education programs for students long-term suspended or expelled and those who learn better in an environment outside of regular schools?

RESPONSE:

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11. How familiar are you in general with the operation of the school division and how well do you think you understand the challenges it faces?

RESPONSE:

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