

Dear Candidates for the WJC School Board,

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](mailto:mike@supportschoolsnow.org)

Please respond by October 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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Support Schools Now

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR WJC SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

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

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1. How will you determine how much to request in WJC Schools' operating and capital budgets? What role will the county's budget guidance play in your decision making? Are you willing to create a "budget of need" that may request funds beyond which the county says is available?

RESPONSE:

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2. Are you committed to creating a budget for WJC Schools such 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")?

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

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4. Are you satisfied with the school divisions financial management? 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?

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

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7. Do you support the school division's efforts to expand preschool opportunities for at-risk students? Would you support with additional preschool expansion in collaboration with private preschools and the state?

RESPONSE:

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8. If recommended by the Alternative Education Task Force, would you support requesting funds in the capital budget 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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9. What two or three criteria do you think should guide any future redistricting scheme? Name them and explain why.

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10. Which method do you support to meet increasing student enrollment: expanding existing schools or building new schools?

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11. What do you think the maximum enrollment capacities should be for elementary, middle and high schools?

RESPONSE:

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12. 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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