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Questionnaire Results

Douglas County School Board 2021 Candidates

Do you agree or disagree with the idea that parents, not systems or institutions, are best positioned to select the school or educational services that best meet the needs of their children? Why or why not?

Mike Peterson: Agree - Parents should be able to make school, curriculum, and health choices that reflect the best interest of their students. To achieve the best possible academic outcomes, parents should collaborate with teachers and principals to ensure their student's educational needs are being met.

Juli Watkins: No response

Ruby Martinez: No response

Becky Myers: No response

Justin Mathew: No response

Kevin Leung: No response

Christy Williams: No response

Krista Holtzmann: No response

Kaylee Winegar: No response

Should students in your school district have the unrestricted ability to attend a charter school or other public school of choice if their families so choose? Why or why not?

Mike Peterson: Absolutely - Open enrollment allows choice in school selection. Parents can choose the local neighborhood school, another neighborhood school, or a public charter school. Some parent choose to go outside the public school system and select the private or homeschool option. All choices should be available to all families.

Juli Watkins: No response

Ruby Martinez: No response

Becky Myers: No response

Justin Mathew: No response

Kevin Leung: No response

Christy Williams: No response

Krista Holtzmann: No response

Kaylee Winegar: No response



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Do you believe that public charter schools or other choice schools should have the flexibility to operate autonomously within the bounds of state law, including through waivers of certain local district or board policies? Why or why not?

Mike Peterson: Yes - One of the strengths of charter schools is their flexibility. Some degree of autonomy is required to allow them to meet the unique expectation of the families and teachers they serve.

Juli Watkins: No response

Ruby Martinez: No response

Becky Myers: No response

Justin Mathew: No response

Kevin Leung: No response

Christy Williams: No response

Krista Holtzmann: No response

Kaylee Winegar: No response

If elected, how do you plan to support both new and existing public-school options—charter, magnet, online, specialty, etc.—in your school district?

Mike Peterson: By ensuring that any legislation coming from Denver does not negatively impact any of our school choices. I also intend to increase the autonomy provided to both neighborhood and charter public schools by ensuring as many decisions as possible are made at the individual school level.

Juli Watkins: No response

Ruby Martinez: No response

Becky Myers: No response

Justin Mathew: No response

Kevin Leung: No response

Christy Williams: No response

Krista Holtzmann: No response

Kaylee Winegar: No response

As a school board member, how will you balance the needs and priorities of the district itself against the needs and priorities of families, students, and communities?

Mike Peterson: Through engagement with stakeholders in the community to include taxpayers, parents, students, teachers, and administrators. District priorities should reflect those of the community and effective engagement is required to better understand these priorities and expectations.

Juli Watkins: No response

Ruby Martinez: No response

Becky Myers: No response

Justin Mathew: No response

Kevin Leung: No response

Christy Williams: No response

Krista Holtzmann: No response

Kaylee Winegar: No response