



For Your County

**2024 Election
Candidate Questionnaire**

**NC Superintendent of
Public Instruction**

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Introduction

Christian Perspective Representatives Inc. is a cooperative group of volunteers from churches who stand in unison for Biblical values and Constitutional rights, support and affirm human dignity, and value all people.

C.P.R., Inc. began in 2021 as a nonpartisan group to circumvent the loss of freedoms of our children, parents, and employees in public schools and institutions throughout our state and nation. Since we believe there is a potential for topics such as sexuality, gender identity, and extreme theories to be taught to our children in harmful and potentially damaging ways, we want to be part of the solution.

C.P.R. Inc. operates strictly on a volunteer basis. No one involved with C.P.R. receives any type of compensation.

C.P.R. does not endorse or oppose any candidates for public office or any political party. This questionnaire is being distributed electronically through our website, mainstream and social media, supporting churches, and other means.

The purpose of our questionnaire is to inform and educate voters of each candidate's position on a variety of general topics that are relevant to C.P.R.'s mission. As a faith-based organization, the questionnaire was designed to be distributed through Churches where the topics of the questions are of the utmost interest to a Christian voter.

Questionnaire Information

The responses gathered from the questionnaire were provided directly by the candidates themselves. C.P.R. utilized a multiple-choice format for the questions, offering candidates the option to expand on their responses within a 950-character limit. Upholding the questionnaire's integrity, candidate answers are presented verbatim, without any modifications for grammar or spelling. Each candidate was contacted in an attempt to encourage their participation using the contact information obtained from the North Carolina State Board of Elections website.

If a candidate did not submit a response, the publication will indicate "Did Not Respond." In cases where a candidate replied via email, telephone, etc., but opted not to participate, the publication will note "Refused to Respond." Multiple attempts are made to obtain a response from each candidate. The party affiliation of each candidate is listed beside their name: (D) for Democrat, (L) for Libertarian, (R) for Republican, (U) for Unaffiliated.

Questionnaire

- 1) Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death? Yes, No, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 2) Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools? School Boards, Teachers, Parents, State Government, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 3) I support Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statements, policies, slogans, and/or training for students, teachers, and/or school staff. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 4) I support a policy concerning the presentation of materials in schools and classrooms. Displays such as bulletin boards, doors, and classroom exhibits should align with the NCSCOS (North Carolina Standard Course of Study) and be suitable for the age group of students occupying that area. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 5) In your opinion, if a school district has terminated a teacher for inappropriate behavior that leads to an arrest and/or conviction, should the teacher be able to retain or renew their professional license? Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 6) I support sexually explicit materials/books/eBooks/audio books/online resources to be accessible to students in classrooms and/or school libraries. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 7) I believe school districts have the right to choose curriculums and lessons that include comprehensive sexual education as defined by Planned Parenthood, i.e. Comprehensive sex education refers to K-12 programs that cover a broad range of topics related to:
 - a. Human development, including puberty, anatomy, sexual orientation, and gender identity
 - b. Relationships, including self, family, friendships, romantic relationships, and health care providers
 - c. Personal skills, including communication, boundary setting, negotiation, and decision-making
 - d. Sexual behavior, including the full spectrum of ways people choose to be, or not be, sexual beings.Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 8) I support making all school textbooks and supplementary materials accessible online for public review, along with the option for recording public comments. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.

- 9) I support a fully itemized budget with published individual administrator salaries. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.
- 10) I support public schools being able to direct students to medical or psychological professionals without requiring prior parental approval. Agree, Disagree, Refuse to Answer. Support, Do not Support, Refuse to Answer. Optional elaboration.

Catherine Truitt (R)

- 1) **Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death?** Yes
- 2) **Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools?** Parents. While the NC constitution requires the state to provide the funding for a "sound, basic education," it is a parent's responsibility to ensure that her child receives the education that is right for that child, whether it is public, private, or at home. It is important to note that when it comes to making decisions within our public schools, NC is a "local control state" which means local boards of education and the superintendents they hire make decision about curriculum choices, library books, and personnel. The State Superintendent does not have authority over local boards of education and local superintendents and local school personnel decisions. This has been true since the 1930's.
- 3) **I support Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statements, policies, slogans, and/or training for students, teachers, and/or school staff.** Disagree. DEI initiatives have no place in our state government agencies nor in our public schools. They are divisive and research shows that they do not produce the intended outcomes. However, voters must understand that as per state law, only locally elected school boards can eradicate DEI policies and initiatives from our public schools.
- 4) **I support a policy concerning the presentation of materials in schools and classrooms. Displays such as bulletin boards, doors, and classroom exhibits should align with the NCSCOS (North Carolina Standard Course of Study) and be suitable for the age group of students occupying that area.** Agree. A policy such as this one is the only way to ensure that every teacher is aligning classroom materials to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.
- 5) **In your opinion, if a school district has terminated a teacher for inappropriate behavior that leads to an arrest and/or conviction, should the teacher be able to retain or renew their professional license?** Agree. Sometimes people are arrested but found innocent and in these cases, there is an avenue for a teacher to renew his or her license. Between January 2023 and February 2024, I revoked 60 teaching licenses for sexual misconduct against students that resulted in an arrest and conviction.

- 6) **I support sexually explicit materials/books/eBooks/audio books/online resources to be accessible to students in classrooms and/or school libraries.** Disagree. Sexually explicit materials of any kind do not belong in our classrooms or libraries. I have cancelled all statewide contracts that allowed students to access inappropriate materials via a school's intranet.
- 7) **I believe school districts have the right to choose curriculums and lessons that include comprehensive sexual education as defined by Planned Parenthood, i.e. Comprehensive sex education refers to K-12 programs that cover a broad range of topics related to:**
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 - c. **Personal skills, including communication, boundary setting, negotiation, and decision-making**
 - d. **Sexual behavior, including the full spectrum of ways people choose to be, or not be, sexual beings.**
- Disagree. Comprehensive sexual education is against the law in North Carolina and our current Healthful Standards reflect this. Abstinence-only sexual education is the law in NC.
- 8) **I support making all school textbooks and supplementary materials accessible online for public review, along with the option for recording public comments.** Agree.
- 9) **I support a fully itemized budget with published individual administrator salaries.** Agree.
- 10) **I support public schools being able to direct students to medical or psychological professionals without requiring prior parental approval.** Disagree. Parents must always be made aware of any and all issues involving the well-being--mental or physical--of their child. This is why I helped draft and testified in support of the Parents' Bill of Rights. It is not the school's responsibility to provide healthcare to students.

Michele Morrow (R)

- 1) **Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death?** Yes
- 2) **Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools?** State Government. As a Christian, I believe that parents are ultimately responsible for raising up their children and training them in the way they should go. I believe that parents will be held accountable to God for the influences they allow in their children's lives.

Regarding public schools, the NC Constitution gives responsibility to the General Assembly to provide a sound, basic education to every school aged citizen in our state. The General Assembly sets the parameters of curriculum and budget and then entrusts the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction to set policies and standards to uphold those laws and give direction to the 115 local school boards to ensure that our young people have the academic training they need to pursue post-secondary goals that will allow them to become mature and productive problem solvers with the ability to think critically, engage in logical discourse and civil debates.

- 3) I support Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statements, policies, slogans, and/or training for students, teachers, and/or school staff.** Disagree. DEI really stands for Discrimination, Exclusion, and Indoctrination and has NO PLACE in our schools.
- 4) I support a policy concerning the presentation of materials in schools and classrooms. Displays such as bulletin boards, doors, and classroom exhibits should align with the NCSCOS (North Carolina Standard Course of Study) and be suitable for the age group of students occupying that area.** Agree. The Superintendent oversees the DPI and the DPI has the task of creating standards for school boards to follow. Sadly, the current DPI has written standards promoting Critical Race Theory (CRT), as well as encouraging DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) practices. For instance, the current social studies standards include racist terms such as white supremacy/white privilege and the Sex-Ed standards being considered fail to mention abstinence until marriage as an option for a young person, when NC GS 115C-81 clearly mandates our public schools to provide an abstinence until marriage program for every NC student.
So, YES, it is the responsibility of schools to align with the standards set forth and ensure that content is age appropriate, BUT it is also necessary to ensure that the standards which are written by the DPI are upholding NC laws, protecting the innocence of children and respecting parents roles in their children's lives.
- 5) In your opinion, if a school district has terminated a teacher for inappropriate behavior that leads to an arrest and/or conviction, should the teacher be able to retain or renew their professional license?** Disagree. If any staff member is under investigation for a crime, they should be put on immediate administrative leave, with pay, and their license/job should be suspended until there is a verdict in the case.
If a person is convicted of a crime of inappropriate behavior, they should not be allowed to work with minors ever again. Their license should be permanently revoked and they should be put on a national list to protect children across the country. Actions have consequences.
I would push for mandatory background checks for every worker, in every school in NC.
- 6) I support sexually explicit materials/books/eBooks/audio books/online resources to be accessible to students in classrooms and/or school libraries.** Disagree. I have worked for the past 2.5 years trying to protect children's innocence and alert the community as to the dangers of sexually explicit content presented to developing children. I will continue to push back against the abuse of our youngest and most vulnerable citizens and work with the General Assembly to pass laws with strict consequences for adults who violate these laws.

- 7) **I believe school districts have the right to choose curriculums and lessons that include comprehensive sexual education as defined by Planned Parenthood, i.e. Comprehensive sex education refers to K-12 programs that cover a broad range of topics related to:**

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Disagree. I have spoken at school boards and with legislators about the need to limit sex-ed teachings to one class at 6th grade, one in 8th grade and one in 10th grade and specifically state the topics that can be discussed WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION and a PARENTAL INVITATION to attend the classes, after school hours. We should restrict ALL discussion of sex, gender, lifestyles and risk/consequences to those three classes. There should be no discussion of these topics in our schools, between staff members and students, except for during these courses, unless a student has sought out a staff member for help, and, in that case, the first call must be to the child's parents to bring them into the conversation.

- 8) **I support making all school textbooks and supplementary materials accessible online for public review, along with the option for recording public comments.**

Agree.

- 9) **I support a fully itemized budget with published individual administrator salaries.**

Agree.

- 10) **I support public schools being able to direct students to medical or psychological professionals without requiring prior parental approval.** Disagree. Schools should NOT be diagnosing, treating or counseling any students without parental consent.

Our schools are NOT medical or mental health centers. They are education centers, which should focus on academics and career preparedness.

Our schools should refer students and their families to community services, as they are needed.

If a student is suffering mentally, emotionally or academically, it impacts the entire family unit. Parents MUST be the first one contacted when a problem is suspected. (Unless, of course, there is suspected illegal activity by the parent, in which case, law enforcement should be called immediately, per state law.)

Kenon Crumble (D)

- 1) **Do you agree that human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every single stage until natural death? Yes**
- 2) **Who has the ultimate responsibility for the education of children in public schools? State Government.**
- 3) **I support Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statements, policies, slogans, and/or training for students, teachers, and/or school staff. Disagree.**
- 4) **I support a policy concerning the presentation of materials in schools and classrooms. Displays such as bulletin boards, doors, and classroom exhibits should align with the NCSCOS (North Carolina Standard Course of Study) and be suitable for the age group of students occupying that area. Agree.**
- 5) **In your opinion, if a school district has terminated a teacher for inappropriate behavior that leads to an arrest and/or conviction, should the teacher be able to retain or renew their professional license? Disagree.**
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 - d. **Sexual behavior, including the full spectrum of ways people choose to be, or not be, sexual beings.**

Disagree.
- 8) **I support making all school textbooks and supplementary materials accessible online for public review, along with the option for recording public comments. Disagree.**
- 9) **I support a fully itemized budget with published individual administrator salaries. Agree.**

10) I support public schools being able to direct students to medical or psychological professionals without requiring prior parental approval. Disagree.

Maurice (Mo) Green (D)

Did Not Respond

C.R. Katie (D)

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