



2008 CANDIDATE SURVEY

Part I: General Information

Candidate's Name: _____

Office You Are Seeking: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

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Email Address: _____

Web site: _____

Check one: Challenger Incumbent Open Seat

Nature of Position: Elected Appointed

Party Affiliation: Republican Democratic other

Name of Primary Education Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Name of Primary Campaign Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____



Part II: Policy Information

- 1) What are your three overall education priorities that, in a perfect world, you would accomplish during your tenure in office. How will you go about achieving them? Why are these the most important priorities?
- 2) In order of priority, which of these education issues should be most important to policymakers?
- _____ Curriculum standards (i.e. reading, math, and other core subjects)
 - _____ Construction
 - _____ Class size
 - _____ Teacher quality
 - _____ Accountability/Strong Testing Program
 - _____ School Choice (Charter Schools, Scholarships, etc.)
- 3) What role does money play in improving failing schools? Please explain your answer.
- 4) What role should parents play in the education process? How much control do you believe parents should have over programs or schools in which their child is enrolled?
- 5) Do you support charter schools? If yes, please list anything you would do to support them. Do you favor providing to charter public schools the same level and sources of funding that are provided to local school districts where the charters are located?
- 6) Do you agree or disagree that the federal No Child Left Behind Act is good policy? Please explain your answer.



- 7) Four states and the District of Columbia now fund school choice programs for parents whose children are at risk or in failing schools. Do you support such programs? If so, would you push a similar program in your area?
- 8) Do you support opening public school classrooms to well-educated people from other careers and giving them a fast-track route to becoming qualified teachers?
- 9) Do you support performance pay for teachers based in part on the academic success of students? If so, does your opinion change based on union endorsement or opposition of the plan?
- 9) Do you agree with the position of many teachers' unions that the public school system is healthy as it is currently structured? Have you accepted or received support and/or endorsements from any education groups?
- 10) If you could dictate one area where you would spend Bill Gates' money for education, what would it be?

Please return this completed questionnaire to:

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