

School Board Candidate Questionnaire 2023

Please return by May 6, 2023 via email info@afaofpa.org, fax to 814-437-5432 or mail to
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Name: CATHERINE F. FIKE, PhD School District: SOUTHMORELAND SD

Are you an incumbent? Yes No Date: 4-30-23 Signature: Catherine J. Fike, PhD

ACADEMICS

- Yes No 1. Do you believe schools should give primary emphasis to teaching basic skills (e.g. reading, grammar, spelling, arithmetic) rather than social or psychological matters?
- Yes No 2. Do you support the use of intensive, systematic phonics to teach first-grade children how to read?
- Yes No 3. Do you support the goal that children should be able to read by the end of the first grade?
- Yes No 4. Do you support the teaching of abstinence as the norm for unmarried teenagers and as the only truly effective way to prevent sexually-transmitted diseases?
- Yes No 5. Do you believe the topics of homosexuality, transgenderism and other sexual orientations should be excluded from the classroom?
- Yes No 6. Do you support teaching that the use of illegal drugs and the unlawful use of alcohol are "wrong"?
- Yes No 7. Do you reject classroom instruction that downgrades American sovereignty, limited constitutional government, or private enterprise?

POLICY

- Yes No 8. Do you support local control of education, with accountability through the local school board, rather than federal control exercised through federal and state bureaucracies and business partnerships? *I support this in part. Local School Boards lack knowledge of educational issues.*
- Yes No 9. Do you reject federal control of curriculum?
- Yes No 10. Do you oppose the establishment of school-based health clinics, which may perform examinations, provide immunizations and medications, and dispense birth control devices or information and abortion referrals, without parental consent or knowledge?
- Yes No 11. Do you oppose the collection and maintenance of data on student health, performance, attitudes, behavior, and family, as well as academics, in computerized databases?
- Yes No 12. Do you support the passage of a policy which would allow students to use facilities (i.e. bathrooms, locker rooms and showers) or play on sports teams based upon their "gender identity" and not their birth sex?
- Yes No 13. Do you support the passage of a policy which would restrict the presence of sexually explicit books or those promoting homosexuality or transgenderism in school libraries

PARENTS' RIGHTS

- Yes No 14. Do you believe in the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children?
- Yes No 15. Do you support a school board policy allowing parents the right to inspect and review instructional materials and methods?
- Yes No 16. Do you support a school board policy forbidding psychological evaluations, testing, treatment, or physical examinations of students without prior written parental consent?
- Yes No 17. Do you believe parental consent should be required prior to giving information and care to students regarding sexuality and reproductive health?
- Yes No 18. Do you oppose requiring students to answer nosy questionnaires about sex, drugs, suicide, and family behavior without prior written parental consent?
- Yes No 19. Do you support the right of parents to homeschool their children?
- Yes No 20. Do you believe parents have the right to express their concerns during a public school board meeting?