



State School Superintendent Candidate Survey Responses – May 22, 2018 Primary Election
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1. Will you support Georgia's continued participation in the Common Core national standards initiative or any other national standards movement, such as Next Generation Science, social studies, and health and sex education?
2. Would the availability of federal or private grants influence your decision about whether to implement a certain policy, such as but not limited to national standards, preschool?
3. Will you actively work to prohibit the State Board of Education from adopting Social Emotional Learning standards and/or embedding such non-academic, psychological standards and assessments in other curricula?
4. Will you support the right of parents to be informed by local school systems about any sexually related content (including content about family structure and/or transgender ideology) in coursework, classroom discussion, or activities, and allow them to opt-out their children?
5. Will you work to stop all data tracking of students into the workforce?
6. Do you think the government should be involved with early care and learning from birth to pre-K?
7. Do you support mandatory Pre-K for 4-year-olds?
8. Do you support Georgia's tax credit program for private, non-profit K-12 schools so that parents have greater choice in where their children obtain their education?
9. Do you support parents' right to homeschool their children?
10. Do you support students' rights to freedom of religious expression (such as written essays or speech)?
11. Will you use the power of the State School Superintendent's office to protect students from invasion of their privacy, safety, and dignity in private areas, such as but not limited to, restrooms and locker rooms, and ensure schools do not usurp parental authority in any matters related to sex and gender?
12. Will you support a constitutional amendment that would allow any type of gambling to provide funding for education?
13. Will you support a study of the effects (physical, psychological, academic) of increased digitalization of education?
14. Will you support exploring alternatives to the College Board's AP program?
15. Will you support requiring the Georgia Department of Education to review all proposed changes to the Advanced Placement frameworks to determine alignment with Georgia standards?

Survey Responses

State School Superintendent – Republican (R) Democratic (D)															
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15
Richard Woods (R - Incumbent)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Candidates who did not return the survey: John Barge (R); Sid Chapman (D); Sam Mosteller (D); Otha E. Thornton (D)															

Richard Woods:

*Q8: I believe we have a constitutional obligation to prioritize and fully fund public schools. I value parental choice and respect private schools, but would need to ensure that funding is not diverted to underfund public schools.

Learn more about the candidates by visiting their websites and social media pages.

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