



Progressive Framingham/MetroWest 2023 Municipal Candidate Questionnaire

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What would be your top three priorities if elected to serve?

(1) Continued prioritization and promotion of the physical and mental health of all students through the enhancement of community connections and partnerships

(2) Undergo a deep analysis of all attendance/suspension data using both quantitative and qualitative data; foster continued development and implementation of strength-based data driven strategies to improve attendance and reduce suspensions

(3) Cultivate a deep commitment to equity that is woven throughout all aspects of the Framingham Public Schools and contributes to the continued transformation of systemic inequities.

What is the one policy you've seen pioneered in another city that you'd most like to see adopted in Framingham?

I appreciate the question about other district's policies. At this time, Framingham Public Schools has many strong student and family-centered policies. To be effective, a strong policy will be clearly communicated, implemented, and regularly evaluated with accountability measures for all stakeholders.

1. Do you support universal pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs in Framingham? (Y/N)

YES.

2. Do you support statewide universal free breakfast and lunch for all students? (Y/N)

YES.

3. Do you support the inclusion of themes such as racial justice and the history of racism and inequity in school curricula? (Y/N)

YES.

4. Do you support strong professional qualifications and higher compensation for classroom teachers to ensure teacher quality? (Y/N)

YES.

5. Do you support the right of workers including public school teachers to organize, bargain collectively, and in extreme circumstances to take labor action including striking? (Y/N)

YES.

6. Do you believe that Massachusetts should evaluate the MCAS assessment system and consider potential reductions to the number and length of exams? (Y/N)

YES.

7. Do you support a careful examination of the role of school resource officers (SRO) in MetroWest schools in the context of potential psychological harm done to students of color? (Y/N)

YES.

8. Do you support significant increases in statewide funding for school construction and repair? (Y/N)

YES.

9. Do you support in-state tuition and financial access to undocumented children living in Massachusetts? (Y/N)

YES.

10. Do you believe that physical education and arts education are essential parts of schooling? (Y/N)

YES.

11. Do you agree that masking and vaccination were appropriate public health measures to limit the spread of covid-19 in our schools? (Y/N)

YES.

12. Do you support the LGBTQ+ inclusive, medically accurate and developmentally- and age-appropriate [Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Curriculum Framework](#) recently proposed by the Healey-Driscoll administration? (Y/N)

YES.

Any other comments or questions?

I look forward to serving my community as a member of the Framingham Public Schools School Committee.