



2025 School Committee Candidate Questionnaire

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(A) Your Candidacy

- 1. Why are you running, and what would be your top three priorities if elected to serve?**

serve? I'm running to continue to give back to the city I was raised in and the schools that educated me and my two kids. My priorities are to continue to advocate for increased funding of the Attleboro Public Schools, to provide a professional and non-partisan voice, and to continue to defend the freedom of our school's libraries.

- 2. What qualifies you to hold this office?**

I'm a lifelong Attleboro resident and son of a career Attleboro High School teacher. I've been working in Higher Education for most of my career: for the past twenty years at Clark University.

(B) Open-Ended Policy Questions

- 1. Massachusetts has wide racial, income-based, and language disparities in educational outcomes. How would you evaluate your school district's work to improve educational equity? What additional steps would you advocate for?**

Attleboro Public Schools works hard to ensure that every kid gets the best education they can. Appropriately funding the schools would allow us to do even more.

- 2. Earlier this year, the Trump administration repealed a Biden-era policy that protected schools from immigration enforcement. What steps would you take to ensure that schools remain a safe and welcoming place for all students, regardless of immigration status?**

We follow all Massachusetts General Laws, and do not release students to anyone but their designated guardians without a judicial warrant – we’ve never released students to anyone with just a civil warrant.

- 3. The Trump administration has been targeting LGBTQ students’s civil rights. What steps would you take to ensure that schools remain a safe and welcoming place for all students, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation?**

Again, Massachusetts General Law has included sexual orientation and gender identity as a protected class since 2012. Regardless of the national political climate, our kids are safe here.

- 4. What role do you see for the school district in the city’s response to climate change?**

The school district’s first obligation is to properly educate our kids.

- 5. How would you model transparency and accountability if elected?**

Everything we do is public.

- 6. How will you engage stakeholders, including students, in budget decisions?**

We work closely with the Attleboro Public School administration to involve stakeholders in all of our decisions.

- 7. How will you use your position to advocate at the state level for increasing education funding, especially to provide additional support for students in historically marginalized districts/communities?**

I am in frequent contact with both of our State Representative and our State Senator.

8. How will you use your position to combat the Trump administration's war on public education?

I will continue to defend our schools at all levels.

(C) Yes/No Policy Questions

1. Do you oppose the expansion of charter schools? **YES**
2. Do you support police-free schools? **NO**
3. Do you support teaching comprehensive, medically accurate, consent-based, LGBTQ-inclusive sex ed in schools? **YES**
4. According to the American Library Association, in 2022 there were at least 45 attempts to restrict access to books in MA schools, disproportionately books that speak to the experiences of LGBTQ students and students of color. Would you oppose such book-banning efforts if they occurred in your city? **YES ABSOLUTELY AND I HAVE: <https://abward3.com/library-policy/>**

(D) Additional Comments

(Use this space to make any final comments you deem important for progressive voters assessing your candidacy.)