



2020 SCHOOL BOARD SURVEY

The Clay Family Policy Alliance is a group of professionals and other concerned citizens endeavoring to promote a pro-family culture in Clay County. To assist voters concerned with family issues, the Clay Family Policy Alliance is conducting this survey of candidates' positions for inclusion in the Voter Guide that is made available to churches, interested businesses and individuals. In addition, The Clay Family Policy Alliance will download the entire survey for each candidate on the its website. Thank you for taking your time to respond and to consider carefully each issue. If you would like to clarify a position, please attach an additional sheet and return it with your survey.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS: Indicate your position on each of the following issues by placing an in the appropriate box using **BLUE** ink. Please initial all pages and sign your **2020 SCHOOL BOARD SURVEY**. To assure the integrity of your survey, scan and return from your personal email address to **clayvoterguides@gmail.com** by **JUNE 25, 2020**. Mail the original in the enclosed return envelope. Indicate by email if you choose not to participate and return your survey.

TAXES mark answers with ✕

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
		✕	1 The tax payers have the right to know exactly where their tax dollars are being spent.
		✕	2 The school district needs to present a line-item budget before voters are asked to vote on <i>any</i> tax increase used to fund the school district's operating expenses.
		✕	3 The half-cent sales tax proposed levy by the Clay County School Board should be passed.*
	✕		4 Since Clay County school maintenance is staffed at the level that it was when the county had only 20 schools, priority should be given to increase the maintenance staffing in order to begin to resolve the "deferred maintenance" issue in our 43 schools.

* <http://agenda.oneclay.net/publishing/june-27-2019-regular-school-board-meeting/minutes.html>

FLORIDA STANDARDS mark answers with ✕

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
		✕	1 The new Florida Standards, Benchmarks for Excellent Student's Thinking (B.E.S.T.) should be implemented by the Clay County School District.
✕			2 All Common Core materials should be replaced with instructional materials and testing that align with the new standards.
	✕		3 Intensive data collection on student interests, academic performance, discipline, attitudes and beliefs is necessary.

NATURAL SCIENCE mark answers with ✕

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
✕			1 Evolution <i>only</i> should be taught.
		✕	2 Evolution and creation both have religious and scientific elements.
		✕	3 Teachers should be disciplined for bullying and ridiculing students who try to support creation or refute evolution.

PARENTAL RIGHTS mark answers with ✕

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
	✕		1 Parents/guardians should have primary responsibility and authority over their child's education.
		✕	2 Parents should have the right to review materials used in their child's classroom, including manuals, ancillary materials, online enrichment and testing questions.
	✕		3 Parents should have the right to withdraw their child from classes teaching material contrary to their ethical values or religious beliefs.
✕			4 Written parental permission should be required for a student to participate in any survey.
		✕	5 Written parental permission should be required before psychologically evaluating, testing, treating or counseling a student (except in cases of alleged parental abuse of a child).

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RELIGIOUS FREEDOM mark answers with ✕

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
	✕		1 School board meetings should always open with prayer.
✕			2 The school district should display the Ten Commandments in all county schools.
	✕		3 Clay County School District should not prohibit celebration of traditional Christmas and Easter holidays.
		✕	4 Public schools should not discriminate against clubs with Christian viewpoints.
		✕	5 A Clay County School Board policy should be adopted to allow outside organizations and groups to pray on school property.
		✕	6 Churches and other religious groups should be allowed to meet on school property, after school hours, per the Facilities Rental Agreement.

LIFE mark answers with ✕

1	Legislation is needed to abolish abortion except in the case of (Check all that apply)		
	A	rape	
	B	incest	
	C	risk to the life of the mother	
	D	no exceptions	
2	When should life be protected?		
	A	at conception	
	B	when the heartbeat is detected	
	C	at birth	
Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
			3 All human beings have the right to life regardless of age, illness, or disability when there is a detectable heartbeat.
			4 Abortion on demand should be legal.
			5 The Pain Capable Unborn Protection Act (protecting unborn babies after 20 weeks or more) should become law in Florida.
			6 "Death with dignity" or "physician-assisted suicide" should be legal in Florida.

SEX EDUCATION mark answers with ✕

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
			1 School-based health clinics should be allowed to refer students for counseling on contraception without parental consent.
			2 School-based health clinics should be allowed to dispense birth control devices.
			3 Sex education curriculum should teach abstinence rather than "safe sex".
			4 The Clay County School Board's abstinence-based sex education policy #4.51 Human Growth and Development should be maintained.
			5 Curriculum that teaches grades K through 5 about HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases should be implemented.
			6 Discussion or instruction in the school (classroom or assembly) setting should support homosexuality as a valid and normal alternative lifestyle.
			7 School counseling programs should help identify or counsel students to accept homosexuality as an acceptable alternative lifestyle.
			8 "Drag Queen's" should not be allowed on school property for any school event.
			9 Parental/guardian consent should be required in order to refer students for hormonal therapy.
			10 Teens should be encouraged to avoid sex, just as they are encouraged to avoid other risks, such as smoking, underage drinking and drugs.
			11 The biological sex of the student should be the sole determining factor for using the restrooms and locker rooms at school.
			12 Any books in school media centers violating Florida anti-pornography statutes should be removed.

CURRENT EVENTS mark answers with X

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
			1 Marriage should be defined as one man and one woman.
		X	2 The Pledge of Allegiance should be recited in the classroom daily.
			3 "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." The Constitution of the United States, Amendment. II.
			4 Recreational marijuana should be legalized in the State of Florida.
			5 The Electoral College should be abolished.
			6 Clay County should allow different laws for Islamic Sharia or Cultural Practices based on religious rights.
		X	7 The Clay County School Board should have a policy prohibiting representatives of terror-linked Islamic organizations from addressing Clay County public school students.

CAMPAIGN/POLITICAL mark answers with X

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
		X	1 My campaign would accept contributions/endorsements from any teachers' union.
	X		2 My campaign would accept contributions from gambling/pari-mutuel interests.
	X		3 My campaign would accept contributions from any union.
The School Board Superintendent should be:			
			4 appointed by a majority of the 5-member school board.
		X	5 elected by the voters of Clay County.
			6 a non-partisan position.
My political party on my voter registration has changed since January 2010			
	Yes	<u>No</u>	

SIGNATURE _____

DATE 7-2-20

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OFFICE SOUGHT <u>SCHOOL BOARDS</u>	DISTRICT <u>2</u>

**Please mail your survey to Clay Family Policy Alliance
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By Thursday, June 25, 2020**