

## ***EDUCATION***

POSITION: Every child is entitled to an appropriate education which meets individual needs.

Therefore we support the following:

- Coverage, implementation, and funding of the Tennessee Basic Education Program should be adequate to assure a high standard of public education.
- Regular classroom instruction, kindergarten, special education including but not limited to the gifted and the disabled, and vocational education should be adequately funded and every school district should provide for the special needs of its students.
- The rules, regulations, and minimum standards of the State Board of Education should be enforced.
- Teachers and administrators should be evaluated using procedures that ensure fairness, should receive adequate compensation, and should be eligible for incentive pay increments.
- Proficiency testing should begin in the primary grades and should be used for diagnostic purposes to determine remedial programs to improve students' competencies and basic skills.
- Superintendent of Schools should continue to be appointed by the local elected school board.
- Schools and school systems should be consolidated when consolidation will result in better education.
- A statewide kindergarten program should continue to be mandatory.

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