

Evaluation: **Red** (Does Not Support Conservative Values)

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The following are responses from Luc Jasmin III for his School Board campaign.

1. Should teaching be regulated by the Federal, State or Local government? Why?

Teaching should be regulated by the Local government. By regulating at a local level, it gives those with authority the opportunity to really understand and respond to the unique needs of each community. It also provides more opportunity to serve the community in cost-effective ways.

2. Should teaching resources and books be determined by the Federal, State or Local government? Why?

Again, this should be done on a local level. Our teachers go to school and gain experience to be experts on this topic. We should trust them and value their input in the curriculum.

3. What are your thoughts on Charter Schools? I support charter schools when they are done right. When we are intentional about spending and take the time to listen to the needs of the community and respond accordingly, we can be more effective than a “one-size-fits-all” approach.

4. Should the Pledge of Allegiance be limited in schools? Why? While we have a lot to work on in this country, we should all be proud to live here. The Pledge of Allegiance stands for that. At the same time, we need to respect religious freedom. The Pledge of Allegiance should be said in schools, but it should be up to the individual on how to participate. There should not be any punitive measures if a student decides to abstain from stating all or part of the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Should prayer be limited in school activities? Why? There should be opportunities to express an individual’s own religious freedom in schools, but not be forced. Individuals of all religions should have the opportunity to practice according to those beliefs. Schools should make these accommodations depending on the religious demographic of their students.

6. Should local communities be able to raise funds without limits for education? Why? Funding for education should always be a decision made by the community. Taxpayers are the ones footing the bill for education - if the community decides it is wise to increase funding for the district, then they should have the freedom to do so in a cost-effective way.

7. Should schools be allowed to have Christmas themed productions as opposed to Winter Themed? Why?

In order to make this decision, we need to take into account the beliefs of all the demographics that are participating and respect them. In some areas, that may be more appropriate than others. If the community is overwhelmingly in support of Christmas themed productions, that should be respected.

8. When should prayer be limited in public? Prayer shouldn’t be limited unless it is forced on others or imposes on others’ religious freedoms. As long as there’s room for everyone to participate in their own beliefs, prayer shouldn’t be limited in the public domain.

9. What are your thoughts on nativity scenes, or the posting of the 10 commandments in the public domain? If there’s overwhelming support by the folks in the community to celebrate these beliefs publicly, then the community’s beliefs and traditions should be accommodated.

10. Should gender ID be discussed in K-6, 7-8 or grades 9-12? Why? In addressing education on subjects that can be controversial, we need to take into account the parents and students at the school; for the folks that want access to that education, it should be provided at whatever level families generally think is most appropriate. However, if parents want to have the role of teaching children about these topics, then we should

not infringe on that freedom. Even if a community overwhelmingly supports gender identity education at school, each family should have the ability to opt out as they wish.

11. Should school systems play a role in Gender identity? Why? Students should feel safe to have conversations about things like gender identity at school. However, parents should be able to opt out of education designed to talk on these subjects that can be considered controversial.

12. Should schools play a role in discussing Birth Control and/or Abstinence in school? Why? Teaching of these topics should always follow the guidelines the law has set forth. However, beyond that, the discussion of these topics in school should be based off of parent choice.

13. What should be the schools role in teaching Sex Education in the schools and should the local community approve? Why? Sex education should be taught in school with a biological frame, but parents should always have the choice to opt out of school-provided sex education.

14. How should we teach Civics as it relates to Citizen Involvement in the governing of our communities? We should work on improving the way we teach Civics. It is vital to teach the importance of being an engaged citizen and making sure our students are aware of current issues and how they affect the community in a non-partisan way.

15. Explain your understanding of following the Constitution by “Original Intent” and /or as a “Living Document”? We need to respect the foundational values the constitution set forth and respect the Bill of Rights and the other amendments to the Constitution. Primarily, we need to follow the original intent to give power to the people. If we are making sure that we are being democratic and focused on citizens’ voices, then we are following the constitution.

16. Who is responsible for the child, the parents or the State? Why? Parents should always have the right to make decisions on behalf of their child as long as the child is in a safe environment and getting all of his/her needs met. It should also be the expectation that parents do what is in their power to provide for their child. However, if a parent is unable to provide for the basic needs of a child, then services provided by the government should be utilized so the child does not suffer due to the inability of the parent to provide. If or when a parent has the ability to change those circumstances, they have the responsibility to resume providing for the needs of the child.

17. Have you read the Washington State Constitution, and do you agree to support this document entirely? I have and agree to respect it. The reason we have laws is to respect them. We can have accountability with the law while still improving it.

18. What are your thoughts on how Public Schools should interact with Home School Students? If we really want to support all kids, that includes kids that are home schooled as well. Our duty is to listen to those parents and those students to see what that looks like so we can implement that with the resources the district has.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you,