



The following questions were emailed to candidates on February 10. Responses received by the deadline of February 20 are included in our evaluation. No edits were made to any responses.

Alison Prochaska (District 41)

Do you believe your school's current Health Education curriculum should include age-appropriate sex education? What do you see as the strengths and/or areas needing improvement in this curriculum?

All curriculum should be age-appropriate. However, a more pressing question is who should decide what is appropriate for each age when it comes to sex education? Current school code states school districts have discretion over whether or not to provide instruction in sex education while allowing for parents to opt their child out. I agree with this. As written, the D41 health education curriculum is age-appropriate.

What is your position on the renewal of the Invest in Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program? Do you favor state tax credits or vouchers for use by families to send children to private schools? If so, how do you feel this will affect public schools?

This is a question for candidates running for state legislature, not the D41 Board of Education. Any change on the issue of school vouchers would have to be done at the state level.

What, if any, is the role of the Board in the selection of materials for school libraries and curriculum development?

A Board member's role is to act in accordance with Board policy. For guidance related to selection of materials for school libraries, D41 Board members should act in accordance with Board policy 6:230AP1 - Selection of Library Learning Center Resources. The policy states, "Selection of Library Learning Center materials should be the responsibility of the Library Information Teacher, taking into consideration recommendations of administration, staff, students, and parents." According to Board policy 6:40, "The School Board will adopt, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a curriculum" recommended to them by the Superintendent.