



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.

Margaret DeLaRosa (District 87)

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?

Glenbard's current health education curriculum includes age-appropriate sex education. Glenbard's Health Education program complies with both the recent curricular changes made by state in June 2022, and is aligned with National Sex Education Standards.

The strength of our program is the focus on relationships and healthy choices. Additionally each of our schools has a targeted focus on social/emotional learning, which reinforces developing healthy relationships, self worth and belonging.

In addition the district community learning program GPS, (Glenbard Parent Series) hosts on-going opportunities for parents, students and individuals to learn from authors and noted professionals in their fields around learning and living. GPS is the great example of Glenbard commitment to community learning and supporting our communities families.

The area I that I feel needs improvement and update is the teaching of abstinence.

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?

I am not an advocate for the renewal of the Invest in Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program. I do not favor state tax credits or vouchers for use by families to send children to private schools. I think this program adversely impacts funding for public schools, and diverts public money to private institutions.

What should happen if a group of parents demands that certain books about LGBTQ teenagers be permanently removed from all Glenbard libraries. Should Glenbard censor its libraries' content when parents object to certain books that are available for check-out but are not required reading?

Glenbard has a documented process for selecting books for our libraries. It is important for our libraries to have a wide range of topics, and reading levels to encourage students to read in their areas of interest. Glenbard also has a process for book reconsideration that can be employed when a group of parents requests a book be removed from the libraries. It is important to keep in mind that library resources are not required reading or curricular reading, but rather choice books of students.

If a parent or guardian does not choose a certain type of reading material for their student, they can complete a request to limit their students access to certain genre.