



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.

James E. Shannon (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?

Yes I believe that schools should have in their curriculum the age appropriate at sex education as part of their health education program. Why this is so important to me is that I believe with the proper education we can reduce sexual transmitted diseases and teenage pregnancies.

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 certainly in favor of the renewal of the kids scholarship tax credit program. This gives many people an opportunity and organizations to invest in our children's scholarships. Also, I believe that vouchers should not be used to send students to private schools. I believe that when parents decide to send their children to private schools then they should be able to afford to do that and also pay their property taxes that support the public schools.

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?

I believe that all questionable books in the schools library should be held on reserve and those students should be able to check those books out with parental consent. However, I believe the board still has the responsibility to set the policies and delegate the authority to the principals and the librarians. I am speaking specifically about books that are not part of a curriculum.