



*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.*

## **Scott Pope (District 89)**

**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?**

Health Education curriculum should include age-appropriate sex education. Sex education is part of public health and should be taught appropriately in public schools. Parents, however, need to have the right (as they do in our school district) to review the materials. After reviewing the material, the parents can then remove their child from the classroom during those presentations if they feel the material is not appropriate for their child. The parental wishes of one child should affect the rights of another.

**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?**

As a Tier 4 district the "Invest in Kids" scholarship tax credit program has little effect on District 89. However, in districts where revenue is highly dependent on state funds, any diversion or loss of tax dollars can be damaging to the district.

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

The School Boards job is to hire a superintendent and make / review policy. District 89 employs highly skilled teachers and librarians. We rely on these professionals and commercial ratings services to ensure that only age-appropriate materials are available in libraries and classrooms. Parents should take an active role in reviewing what their children read and talk with their kids about what is appropriate in their household. Removing an age appropriate book from a library removes the opportunity for another child to learn.