



CDF – NASSAU County

2024 Candidate Questionnaire

Dear Nassau County Candidate,

[Nassau Citizens Defending Freedom](#) is your local organization watching government leaders and protecting freedoms locally. We are pleased to provide you with this candidate questionnaire for the local Nassau County races.

Thank you for your commitment to serving Nassau County, Florida. As a candidate for the school board or superintendent of schools, we appreciate your willingness to engage with concerned citizens on issues that impact our families.

Please complete this questionnaire to share your views on critical topics affecting our schools. Your responses will help our community understand your stance and vision for our district.

Instructions:

- Answer each question with "Yes," "No," or "Declined to Answer."
- Sign/Date
- Return the completed form to jknocke@ccdfusa.com
- **DEADLINE: 7/29/2024**

Yours in Freedom, *Jack Knocke*

Executive Director Nassau County: jknocke@ccdfusa.com

Candidates for Nassau County School Board

<u>CHOOSE YOUR NAME:</u>	YES	NO	Declined to Respond*
SUPT Kathy Burns Curtis Gaus District 2: Gail Cook Yvon Joinville District 4: Cynthia Grooms Kristi Simpkins			
1. Do you believe improving student achievement should be the top priority in our schools?			
2. Do you believe that teachers should be given more support and empowerment to improve our schools?			
3. Would you support conducting exit interviews for departing teachers that analyze the reasons for their departure over the past five years and going forward?			
4. Do you support restructuring the current 1 mill tax to a defined amount that ensures competitive teacher wages and includes an annual Cost of Living Allowance?			
5. Will you advocate for the creation of a Citizens Budget Advisory Committee assist in financial oversight of the whole budget?			
6. Do you support expanding dual enrollment programs to include vocational training in trades such as firefighting, to provide high school students with practical career skills and certifications?			
7. Do you agree that any materials (curricula, instructional, club handouts, promotional, 3rd party vendor materials, etc) placed before students is subject to the public records act?			



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8. Are you in favor of Social Emotional Learning (SEL)?
9. Do you support using state-approved curriculum like "1776 Curriculum" or "Foundations of American Government" to eliminate CRT, DEI, racism, Marxism, and humanism in schools?
10. Do you support increasing the authority of School Advisory Councils (SACs) to function as parent advisory boards, thereby enhancing parental involvement and local control over school policies and decisions?
11. Do you believe secular humanism contributes to student loss to school choice?
12. Will you advocate for the implementation of policies under FB 1044 to allow volunteer school chaplains in schools?
13. Do you support measures to protect the religious rights of students in schools and respect parental authority in making decisions about their children's education and upbringing?
14. Do you support policies under Title IX that keep biological males out of areas designated for biological females?
15. Do you support a policy to immediately remove and review any books in school libraries that are reported for containing explicit sexual content or teaching ideologies contrary to traditional values, ensuring they are not accessible to students until fully reviewed and approved?

SIGN

DATE

***NOTE:** *Declined to Respond means the candidate did not want to answer the question as posed. By completing and returning this questionnaire, you consent to the publication and distribution of your responses through various channels, including but not limited to social media, our organization's newsletter, reports, and email communications. Your participation is appreciated and will help inform voters in Nassau County about your positions on key issues affecting our schools and community. Thank you for your transparency and commitment to our educational system.*