

GREAT CHOICE DOUGLAS COUNTY ACTION, INC.
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE SURVEY

Candidate Name: Jim Geddes District B
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1. What about you will make you a good school board member?

I have a long personal experience with formal education and have learned significantly from my experience as a regent.

My general "conservative", and "traditional" philosophy will help guide our school district toward further improvements in its education quality and toward an enhanced service to our students, their families, and the citizens of Douglas County.

I have a practical/pragmatic streak, but can also think "outside the box". Additionally, the thoughts and concerns of others are important to me, and will be carefully considered.

2. What is your history of attendance at school board meetings?

No prior attendance; will do so in preparation for assuming Director position.

3. What other school and district committees have you been involved with?

C.U. Board of Regents

4. Have you regularly voted in past school board elections?

Yes, of recent

5. What is your position on the district's Blueprint for Choice?

I support it. See my attached brochure

6. What is your position on charter schools?

I support the concept of Charter schools, and support the additional Charter schools, particularly in areas of population growth in the County.

7. Do you believe charter schools have a fiscal effect on neighborhood schools and if so, what is that effect?

No. The effect of decreased "crowding" in the neighborhood schools, along with the additional measures taken by our current school board has

improved the quality of education in our neighborhood schools.

8. What is your position on the Choice Scholarship Program?

I fully support the Choice Scholarship Program.

9. If implemented, do you believe the Choice Scholarship Program would have an effect on district schools and if so, what would be the effect?

The primary effect will be to further improve the educational quality of our "district" schools -- as there will be some increased revenue per student remaining in the "district" schools as each voucher (for only 75% of the full per "district" student revenue) is awarded per individual "Choice" student exiting the "district" schools.

10. If you do not support the Choice Scholarship Program, would you seek to end it, if elected?

N/A

11. What is your position concerning the local teachers union and its value to teachers and students in the classroom?

The "teachers' Union is of substantial negative value to the DCSD. In many years past, funds were taken from our teachers' personal incomes, and from the operational funds of the school district in order to support non-teaching union employees and union national/central operations including leftist political activism.

12. What is your position on the district's pay for performance and market-based pay programs for teachers?

I fully support both.

13. What is your position on the district's teacher evaluation program?

I support this activity, as a critical component of "Pay for Performance" and other quality improvement efforts, since teacher quality is, by far, the primary determinant of classroom educational quality. Teachers, themselves, should be integrally involved in developing and refining the evaluation criteria and methods. In the best scenario, our teachers will take some

"ownership" of the process.

14. What organizations have endorsed you in this race?

Douglas County Republicans & Castle Rock Town Council

15. Is there anything else our supporters should know about you?

Please see my attached brochure and my website: DrJimGeddes.com