

GREAT CHOICE DOUGLAS COUNTY ACTION, INC.  
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE SURVEY  
Candidate Name Judi Reynolds  
District: D  
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1. What about you will make you a good school board member?

**I believe that I will make a good school board member because I am a mom of 3 (elementary, middle, and high school) DCSD students who is informed and involved in my children's schools. I am also active in many committees at various schools and at the district level. I am interested in working with a wide variety of teachers, parents, and community members to make sure that our children are receiving an education that will serve them in the future, no matter what their educational and career goals are, their k-12 education gives them a solid foundation for their future.**

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

**I have regularly attended BoE meetings for more than 4 years.**

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

**Franktown and eDCSD SACs, DAC**

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

**Because the school board has the responsibility to set policies that impact my children I have made it a priority to vote to past, present and future school board elections.**

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

**I support the Blueprint for Choice. Educational options, and the ability of parents to be the decision makers for their children is an important part of ensuring that every child gets an education that is best suited to them.**

6. What is your position on charter schools?

**I support Charter schools because they are parent supported, parent run public educational option that benefits children in DCSD.**

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

**By incentivizing and placing charter schools thoughtfully, the district can work to ensure the success of both neighborhood and charters schools. This unique partnership helps to eliminate any potential fiscal effect.**

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

**I support it. It is impossible for the school district, no matter how many educational options are available, to be all things for all students. I believe there are a small number of students that would be better served, for whatever reasons, by another choice. These children deserve an education, and if a scholarship to a private school helps to provide that education, I support that solution.**

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?

**If there is an effect would likely be small in most schools since the program is currently capped at 500 students.**

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?

**If teachers want to join the union because they perceive there is some professional benefit, it is their option. I do not believe that the school district should negotiate with a union for teacher salaries and benefits, nor should the taxpayer be paying for salaries and benefits for union officers who do no work in our schools.**

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

**I believe in rewarding our best teachers by paying them more. I believe a pay for performance system gives every teacher the opportunity to shine. Salary bands provide flexibility to the district when hiring hard to fill positions.**

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

**The evaluation system needs to be continuously evaluated and monitored.**

14. What organizations have endorsed you in this race?

**DCGOP, Castle Rock Town Council**

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

**I am a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville with a B.S. in Education and earned my M.Ed. in Education from East Tennessee State University. After several years working as an Exercise Physiologist I decided to stay home and raise my children. When volunteering in the classroom it became clear that all children learn differently and need a variety of learning opportunities to order to succeed. I and a few other parents created a reading group for students that needed to be challenged.**

**As a DCSD School Board Director my goal is to provide the best educational opportunities for each student in the school district. To achieve this, it is important to consider the input of every person involved in the student's education. Parents, teachers, caregivers and the students themselves should have opportunities to provide their valuable perspective.**