



# 2018 SCHOOL BOARD SURVEY

The Clay Family Policy Forum is a group of professionals and other concerned citizens endeavoring to promote a pro-family culture in Clay County. To assist voters concerned with family issues, the Clay Family Policy Forum is conducting this survey of candidates' positions for inclusion in the "Voter Guide" that is made available to churches, interested businesses and individuals. In addition, The Clay Family Policy Forum will download the entire survey for each Candidate on their website. Thank you for taking your time to respond and to consider carefully each issue. If you would like to clarify a position, please attach an additional sheet and return it with your survey.

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:** Indicate your position on each of the following issues by placing an  in the appropriate box. Please initial all pages and sign your **2018 SCHOOL BOARD SURVEY**. To assure the integrity of your survey, scan and return from your personal email address to **clayvoterguides@gmail.com** by July 9, 2018. Mail the original in the enclosed return envelope. Indicate by email if you choose not to participate and return your survey.

**TAXES mark answers with X**

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
		X	1 Before voting on a tax increase, Clay County property owners should be made aware that our county property appraiser reported a 7% increase in values this year.
X			2 An additional one (1) mil of School District ad valorem millage tax, beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2023, should be approved to enhance the safety and security of students and staff, and provide for necessary operating expenses of the School District.
		X	3 The tax payers have the right to know where their tax dollars are being spent.
		X	4 The school district should present a line-item budget before voters are asked to vote on a property tax increase in order to fund the school district's necessary operating expenses.
		X	5 With respect to school security funding, a sales tax increase should be considered to fund some of the expenses instead of a property tax increase.
		X	6 School impact fees should be maintained to reduce the burden for new construction on existing taxpayers.

**SCHOOL SAFETY mark answers with X**

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
		X	1 Priority MUST be given to protecting all staff and children on school property.
		X	2 School Resource Officers for ALL Clay County schools should be allowed per Florida Statute.
		X	3 The Clay County Sheriff's Office provides School Resource Officers presently at all Clay County high schools with county and school board revenue totaling \$1.4M.
Answer Attached		X	4 \$5.6M is the estimated cost of 48 additional School Resource Officers to protect all Clay County schools per sheriff's April 2018 report.
		X	5 "Hardening" (i.e. metal detectors, sensors etc.) should be considered in order to provide additional protection for teachers and students.
Answer Attached		X	6 Property owners should not bear the burden of the increased expense of providing School Resource Officers for all Clay County Schools.

**FLORIDA STANDARDS/ COMMON CORE mark answers with ✕**

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
		✕	1 Consideration should be given to an alternative math curriculum to replace Eureka Math (a controversial common core curriculum implemented in Clay County in 2016) because it encourages students to use various mental strategies to solve problems and to focus on the process instead of the answer.
✕			2 Performance standards should be set by the federal government.
✕			3 The federal government should require Florida's adherence to common, national academic standards and aligned tests in order to receive Title I and other state education funding.
		✕	4 Parents should be able to opt-out of standardized testing, with an alternate evaluation tool provided for academic advancement of a student.
✕			5 Intensive data collection on student interests, activities, academic performance, discipline, attitudes and beliefs is necessary to promote student success.
		✕	6 Data collection on students should be strictly limited to academic performance and in-school disciplinary issues and only shared within the state as aggregate data – never as personally identifiable data.

**EDUCATION STANDARDS mark answers with ✕**

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
✕			1 Florida Statute FS 1006.31 mandates that all instructional materials adopted by school boards in the state be "accurate, objective, balanced and non-inflammatory". New science textbooks adopted in February 2018 by a 3-2 vote of the Clay County School Board teach evolution exclusively.
✕			2 Evolution only should be taught..
		✕	3 Both the strengths and weaknesses of evolution should be taught.
		✕	When teaching western civilization, it is important to teach from curriculum that has not been historically revised or edited.
		✕	4 American exceptionalism should be taught in the context of American history or western civilization."
		✕	5 Core curriculum (reading, writing, math, art and music) should be stressed over social programs (affective instruction).
✕			6 Mind altering practices (yoga, guided imagery, relaxation, psychotherapeutic techniques or hypnosis) should be implemented to enhance students' self-esteem or classroom performance.
✕			7 Affective education programs that stress feelings or emotion-centered curriculum should be implemented.
		✕	8 The current character education programs (honesty, integrity, etc.) should be retained. <i>I support character education, but am unaware of any current program</i>
		✕	9 American exceptionalism should be taught in the context of American history or western civilization."

**PARENTAL RIGHTS mark answers with ✕**

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
		X	1 Interested parents and non-school board employees should be allowed balanced participation in the policy making process of the school board.
		X	2 Interested parents and community members should be allowed balanced participation in the adoption of curriculum for public schools.
		X	3 Parents should have the right to review materials used in their child's classroom, including manuals, ancillary materials, online enrichment and testing questions.
		X	4 Parents should have the right to withdraw their child from classes teaching material contrary to their sincerely held ethical values and/or religious beliefs.
		X	5 Parents/guardians should have primary responsibility and authority over their child's education.
		X	6 Written parental permission should be required for a student to participate in any survey.
		X	7 Written parental permission should be required before psychologically evaluating, testing, treating or counseling a student (except in cases of alleged parental abuse of a child).
Answer Attached		X	8 Parents should have the right to opt out of the new science curriculum that teaches evolution only (adopted by a 3-2 vote of the School Board in Feb 2018).

**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM mark answers with ✕**

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
		X	1 Bible history courses should be offered as electives.
		X	2 Crosses, nativity scenes, menorahs and other religious items should be allowed as displays on school property.
		X	3 Christmas and Easter holidays should be celebrated in the tradition of American culture.
		X	4 Ten Commandments should be allowed to be displayed on school property.
		X	5 School board meetings should open with prayer.
		X	6 Public schools should not discriminate against clubs with Christian viewpoints while allowing secular clubs to speak out on the same subject.
		X	7 A Clay County school board policy protecting the U. S. Constitutional right of "outside organizations and groups" to pray on school property should be in place.
		X	8 A school board policy should be in place that allows a parent/guardian accompanying his/her child to school to pray on school property before or after instructional time.
		X	9 Churches and other religious groups should be allowed to meet on school property (after school hours) as per the Facilities Rental Agreement.
		X	10 The writings and documents of importance in the founding of the USA, including references to religion in the lives of the founding fathers and in the founding of this nation, should be displayed and studied in the classroom.

**EMPLOYEE RELATIONS mark answers with ✕**

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
✕			1 Health insurance should be required to pay for abortions for employees and/or dependents.
		✕	2 Drug testing for all employees (in conjunction with Florida statutes) should be required.
		✕	3 A paycheck protection plan that requires employees' written consent for any union dues or withholdings to be used for political activities should be provided.
✕			4 Tenure for teachers should be implemented.

**LIFE mark answers with ✕**

1	Legislation is needed to abolish abortion except in the case of (Check all that apply)		
	A	rape	
	B	incest	
✕	C	risk to the life of the mother	
	D	no exceptions	
2	When does life begin? (Check one.)		
✕	A	at conception	
	B	at the end of the 1 <sup>st</sup> trimester	
	C	at viability	
	D	at the end of the 2nd trimester	
	E	at birth	
3	When should life be protected?		
✕	A	at conception	
	B	at the end of the 1st trimester	
	C	at viability	
	D	at the end of the 2nd trimester	
	E	at birth	
Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
✕			4 Abortion on demand should be legal.
		✕	5 Partial birth abortion should be banned.
		✕	6 Parental notification should be required in cases when a minor seeks to have an abortion.
✕			7 District staff or contracting agencies should refer or counsel students for abortions.
✕			8 Embryonic stem cell research should be legalized.
		✕	9 Planned Parenthood should be defunded by the Federal Government.
✕			10 The Florida Legislature should pass a bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide.

**SEX EDUCATION mark answers with ✕**

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
X			1 School-based health clinics should be allowed to refer students for counseling on contraception without parental consent.
X			2 School-based health clinics should be allowed to dispense birth control devices.
		X	3 Sex education curriculum should teach abstinence rather than "safe sex".
X			4 Students should be taught that condom use is "safe sex".
		X	5 The Clay County School Board's abstinence-based sex education policy #4.51 Human Growth and Development should be maintained.
X			6 Curriculum that teaches grades K through 5 about HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases should be implemented.
X			7 Discussion or instruction in the school (classroom or assembly) setting should support homosexuality as a valid and normal alternative lifestyle.
X			8 School counseling programs should help identify and/or counsel students to accept homosexuality as an acceptable alternative lifestyle.

**CURRENT EVENTS mark answers with ✕**

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
		X	1 Amendment 3 (November 2018) Voter control of gambling.
		X	2 Amendment 8 (November 2018) creates a term limit of 8 consecutive years for school board member.
		X	3 Marriage should be defined as one man and one woman.
X			4 Same-sex marriage should be legalized.
		X	5 The Pledge of Allegiance should be recited in the classroom daily.
		X	6 Israel, a sovereign nation/ democracy, should receive America's undivided support against her enemies.
		X	7 2 <sup>nd</sup> Amendment A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bears arms, shall not be infringed.
X			8 Marijuana should be legalized in the State of Florida.
			9 Islamic doctrine is increasingly influencing our government, educational, judicial and political systems and becoming a threat to our homeland.
X			10 Clay County should allow different laws for Islamic Sharia or Cultural Practices based on religious rights.
			11 The Islamization of America involves more than just an alien religion; it means the establishment of a system based upon Sharia (the Islamic legal code) that will bring the end of the US Constitution.
A Clay County School Board policy should be in place that:			
			12 prohibits anyone associated with the Council on American Islamic Relations, Islamic Society of North America, Islamic Circle of North America, Muslim Student Association or similar terror-linked organizations from addressing Clay County public school students.
			13 prohibits anyone associated with the Council on American Islamic Relations, Islamic Society of North America, Islamic Circle of North America, Muslim Student Association or similar terror-linked organizations from using Clay County school board property.

**CAMPAIGN/POLITICAL mark answers with ✕**

Oppose	Undecided	Support	Issue
✕			1 My campaign would accept contributions/endorsements from any teachers' union.
✕			2 My campaign would accept contributions from gambling/pari-mutuel interests.
✕			3 My campaign would accept contributions from any union.
The School Board Superintendent should be:			
✕			4 appointed by a majority of the 5-member school board.
		✕	5 elected by the voters of Clay County.
✕			6 a non-partisan position.
My political party affiliation changed:			
	Yes	No	
		✕	7 between January 2006-Present (within the last 10 years).
		✕	8 between January 2013-Present (within the last 5 years).

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**Please mail your survey to Clay Family Policy Forum  
3691 Winged Foot Circle, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
by Friday, July 9, 2018**

### **School Safety**

4. According to the Sheriff, \$5.6M would be the cost to have deputies at every school which is why I voted to have School Safety Officers instead of deputies at our elementary schools – a savings of over \$4M to tax payers.

6. By having School Safety Officers – who are armed and trained by the Sheriff's Department – instead of deputies at our elementary schools, the School Board approved a plan that does not require additional taxation to fund.

### **Parental Rights**

8. Unfortunately, the course that encompasses the new curriculum's teaching on evolution is a graduation requirement from the state. Because of that, there is currently no opt-out option available that doesn't penalize the student's academic success.

### **Current Events**

9. I am fundamentally opposed to the influence of special interest groups on our founding documents and the interpretation of those documents.

11. I am a strict constitutionalist and do not believe that it should be an evolving document.

12. I am opposed to any terror-linked organization addressing Clay County's public school students, regardless of their religious affiliation.

13. I am opposed to any terror-linked organization using Clay County School Board property, regardless of their religious affiliation.