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- 2) What is your vision for Douglas County School District?

My vision for the Douglas County School District is to have strong, thriving public schools that meet the needs of ALL kids in our community.

- 3) What is your plan for managing Douglas County School District's capital needs?

To manage our capital needs, which are over \$250 million and growing, I would go to the voters to ask for approval of a bond measure. Given Colorado's negative factor and all of the cuts our schools have faced, I think it would be irresponsible to put forth a plan to use our per pupil funding to meet these needs.

- 4) What is your vision on meeting the needs of special education students?

To best meet the needs of our special education students, we must confer with our trained educators and find out from them what is most effective in our schools. We need to provide plenty of support and resources to our classroom teachers, in addition to our special educators.

- 5) What is your vision for retaining and recruiting highly qualified teachers?

The first step to retaining and recruiting the best teaching staff is to restore broken trust and rebuild relationships. There has been a significant drop in staff morale as well as a breakdown of communication and relations between district leadership and the community. As a board member, I will end secret discussions and decisions of the board, I will demand regular,

comprehensive surveys, and I will work to restore public comment time at board meetings. I think this kind of respectful leadership will cause teachers to want to teach in Douglas County.

6) What should be the role of political parties in school board elections? Have you accepted the endorsement of a political party, or any other organization? Have you accepted funds from any source other than private citizens?

Political parties should have absolutely no role in school board elections as they are non-partisan races. Political affiliations should play no part in making decisions about what is best for kids. The only group or organization from which I have accepted an endorsement is Douglas County Parents, and all-volunteer, non-partisan group of community members. I have also only accepted funds from individual citizens.

7) Do you agree with the current board's decision to attempt to bring the voucher case to the US Supreme Court? Why?

I do not agree with the current board's decision to bring the voucher case to the US Supreme Court. I believe that the Colorado Supreme Court got the ruling right and no public tax dollars should go to fund private school tuition. I think the federal government has no place in our local decisions. I also don't agree with vouchers because private schools are allowed to pick and choose students, and I don't think that kind of discrimination ought to be allowed with public tax dollars.

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