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2. *What role should private schools play in a publicly-funded school system? Should taxpayer dollars support private schools? How do you feel about the trend toward privatizing our public education system through education savings accounts?*

Private schools can be a wonderful option for some students, but they should play no part in a publicly-funded school system.

3. *Do you support DCSD's attempts to enact a voucher program?*

No, I do not believe private school vouchers would be helpful to our community's mission to provide quality public education for every child. As the Board serves the public school students in the district and given the financial struggles of our own public schools, diverting funding from public into private schools would place a further strain on the district's limited resources.

Furthermore, private schools are currently able to choose whom they admit. As long as they do not accept public money, this is perfectly within their rights. However, if public money started to flow to these schools, we could be subsidizing discrimination against children for any reason the private school chooses. Taxpayers would lose all accountability as to how their tax dollars are spent. As a person of faith, I believe that religious institutions should be the ones to support the faith-based education they provide, thereby preserving their ability to teach without government restrictions.

Additionally, since the voucher amount would not be enough to pay the full tuition of a local private school for most students, vouchers would really only be a subsidy for families wealthy enough to pay the remainder of the cost not covered by the voucher. Public money must provide opportunities for ALL children, not just some.

4. *Please define your view on how the "public" fits into our public education system?*

Providing quality public education for every child is the "public's" most important responsibility. We must provide equal access for all students to a public education that gives our students opportunities to gain knowledge, reach their full potential and in turn contribute to our democratic society. Public schools serve democracy through the common good. Public schools, free from special interest influence, and accountable to the public through local school boards fulfill this responsibility. It is true today, just as it was when John Adams wrote it that "The whole people must take upon themselves the education of the whole people and be willing to bear the expenses of it. There should not be a district of one mile square, without a school in it, not founded by a charitable individual, but maintained at the public expense of the people themselves."