

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED AT THE ECOEA LEGISLATIVE DINNER

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023

House Bill 12-

Please explain how HB12 increases popular sovereignty of the people in Ohio and fulfills the proper checks and balances between the executive & legislative?

Governors' Proposed Literacy Changes-

I'm very concerned about the governor's proposed changes/overhaul of literacy programs. It seems to suggest all children need to be in the same program, proceeding at the same pace. Is this being addressed?

Do you have a child or grandchild or know a child who seems to have a hard time learning to read? How are the teachers helping? Not helping?

NW Ordinance 1787-

Please identify how the principle of public education guaranteed in the Ohio Constitution and the Northwest Ordinance are encouraged through the current use of taxpayer dollars to voucher programs.

Ohio Revised Codes 3314.2 and 3302.42

How can there possibly be two different funding models for online schools? How can an online "community school" receive full funding regardless of student participation but an online school run by a public school district receives reduced funding if a student does not participate in 910 hours? This is in reference to ORC 3314.2 and 3302.42.

CRT-

Please define what you think it is and explain why there is so much legislative activity to restrict I when it is not in the ODE Content Standards.

Student Behavior-

When will the school system start holding parents and students more accountable for disruptive behaviors in the classroom? Teachers can't teach and students are Not learning. Why is there a lot of blame on the teachers if the students aren't learning? It's a two fold process. What students learn at school needs to be reinforced at home.

Why is the school system setting students up for failure when behavioral issues are NOT addressed and suspension isn't an option in grades K-3. Why aren't the parents being inconvenienced for their child's disruptive behavior? The needs of the disruptive student are addressed and are asked what can we do to help? what about the needs of the students that are being traumatized by the ongoing disruptive behaviors?

Teacher Retention-

With the events that have taken place in Florida and similar attempts moving through the Ohio State House, how are you going to ensure that educators are free to teach without fear of losing their jobs / licenses, and that books that do have educational merit are not censored just because a minority of parents or community members think they should be.

Dyslexia Law-

What would you want a school to do if your child had a hard time learning to read? What resources would you want to be available in your child's school?

The law requires schools to screen all K-3 children and professional development for all educators teaching k-3 (does that include art, music, gym teachers?) and intervention specialists teaching K-12. How will the costs be covered? When will the PD be provided? DeWine made this a priority in his budget so how do you understand how this will look?

Gun Violence in Schools-

What is being done in Ohio to help with protections against gun violence in schools?

Fair School Funding-

What are the next steps to help fulfill the remaining portions of the fair school funding act?

Testing-

Teachers are frustrated with the amount of standardized testing, what measures are being taken by legislators to further minimize these requirements?