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Question 1: Curriculum

There are some areas of the curriculum that are suitable. On the whole, the proposed curriculum is flawed. It would be best to redo the curriculum using teachers, University professors, and other experts in this field. These people know what the students require. Politics must be kept out of the development.

Question 2: Fun as well as other ding

The current funding formula is not sufficient for our division(Holy Spirit Catholic Schools) as well as the other school divisions throughout Alberta. I would not be able to advocate for sufficient funding by myself but would get our Board involved in advocating for the correct funding. I think that our Board has to get the parents involved to pressure the government.

The government seems to change the funding formula much too often. The government should use the professionals (Secretary Treasurers) in the forming of a new funding formula. These professionals know what is needed to provide adequate and sustainable funding. Once developed, this formula must be kept in place and not changed to suit the government.

Question 3: Privatization including P3s

I do not support the privatization of school services and infrastructure. Privatization of services can only lead to deterioration of services plus staff are not given a fair wage plus benefits are usually never provided to staff. For profits businesses are there to make a profit and many shortcuts may be taken to ensure a profit which will not benefit the teachers, support staff and students. In house employees show dedication to the school districts plus they take pride in their work.

The same can be said for P3s. We, as a Board, must provide safe and caring schools to all our staff and students and I feel P3s will not provide that. The contractor in a P3 is also to provide maintenance to the building and if one looks at the past P3s maintenance of the building is usually forgotten.

Question 4: Schools as Employers

I fully support providing a living wage, full-time hours where desired, job security and collective bargaining rights. All employees are a valuable resource to school districts and we must do what ever possible to show our appreciation to the dedication they give to the school districts. As a former Maintenance Director is school districts, I always stood up for the Maintenance Department and Custodial Staff. I did everything within my power to try and make their work easier. My thought is that this should apply to every staff member within the school district.

I am strongly opposed to the government making attempts to legislate against staff including cuts to LAPP. They must keep their fingers out of everything. Past experience has shown what happens when the government takes over anything.

Before I became a Maintenance Director I was President of a Labor Union in a food processing plant and did my fair share of negotiations. I have witnessed how a company will try and take advantage of the employees. Without a Union the employees would have been taken advantage of and would have had no rights. All Labor Unions should have the right to strike. This is a fundamental right and even though it is a last resort it is the only way that employees will get what they deserve to have.

Question 5: COVID Safety

I strongly support measures such as mask mandates and vaccine mandates. We, as a school district, must provide a safe and caring environment for all staff, students and visitors. Staff and students are a precious commodity and we must do everything within our power to protect