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**1) Knowing what we do today about the COVID-19 pandemic, should Falls Church City schools have returned to in-person learning sooner?**

**YES.**

**2) Do you support the mandate that all students wear masks at school for the Fall semester?**

??? The Governor made this decision and the board has no impact so I have no real position as this is a moot question.

**3) Should transgender students be allowed to use the bathroom or lockers rooms of the gender with which they identify?**

**YES.** People should be accepted and respected for who they are.

**4) Should the Board increase educational opportunities, including career and technical, for non-IB diploma high school students?**

**YES.** College is not the only, or best, next step for everyone. We should support successful next steps for all students and technical/career training can be an excellent opportunity for young adults.

**5) Do you support school faculty entering into collective bargaining agreements with the City**

??? My goal would be to ensure a work environment where our teachers and staff feel supported, heard, and appropriately valued/compensated so the need for collective bargaining did not feel necessary, however, I would come to the table in the spirit of collaboration and openness if collective bargaining were to take place.

**6) Should there be school resource officers in Falls Church City schools?**

??? I personally have no issues with this but I am completely open to hearing the thoughts and feedback of others.

**7) Should Falls Church City curriculum include information on systemic racism in the United States?**

**YES.** Teaching our kids the complex history of our country is absolutely important. So is teaching our children how to think vs. what to think. There are countless lenses of experience, whether they be race, gender, sex, sexuality, politics, religion, socio-economical, cultural traditions, mental health, personal trauma, that inform and impact our perceptions/ thoughts/ actions/ ideals/ values and the fabric of this country (and the world). Helping students develop the ability to examine, discuss, and critically think about them with nuance and empathy minus moral equivalencies, labeling, and snap judgement is important. Most critical is teaching our kids to examine, define, challenge, and love who they are and strive for who they want to be and accomplish for themselves, despite obstacles and adversity they will face in life.

**8) Should all FCCPS teachers and administrators take annual diversity, equity, and inclusion training?**

**YES.** I support providing our staff tools that help their professional growth and create a welcoming environment for all students. I also support having candid conversations with our teachers and getting honest feedback on what tools are most helpful and whether they feel there is an appropriate balance of time between receiving various trainings VS. time spent devoting attention to lesson planning and day-to-day responsibilities.

**9) Should Falls Church City school curriculum include climate change, resiliency, and environmental justice?**

**YES.** Students should understand the need for being responsible caretakers of our environment. We should also have age appropriate discussions about understanding the various impacts, both pros and cons, environmental policies can have on people, the environment, businesses, economies, international trade/ relationships, and the costs of goods and services.

**10) Once the COVID-19 vaccine has full FDA approval, should it be mandated for all eligible students in order to attend school in-person?**

**NO.** I am pro-vaccine. I also know many want these medical discussions and decisions to be clear cut but, particularly when it comes to vaccination of a pediatric population, that simply isn't the case when it comes to COVID at this point. There is risk/benefit analysis, appropriate risk stratification, differing risk tolerances, and nuance that needs to be employed here and families should have the space to make those decisions and have those discussions with their pediatricians/family doctors. My stance on that is not a fixed point, it will continue to be informed by the data and medical input coming from both the US and around the world... it will be driven by facts, not emotion or politics.