



Central Valley Progressive Political Action Committee

Endorsement Questionnaire—Educational Candidates

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Please use no more than 100 words to respond to the following:

1. Do you support publicly funded universal preschool? Yes
2. What will you do to help ensure adequate funding for music and art programs at all primary and secondary levels?

From the perspective as a candidate for SCCC board of trustees, to ensure funding I would target increasing student participation and in music and art programs. I would arrange a partnership between community colleges and primary and secondary schools allowing visits to the college music and art departments in an effort to increase interest and long-term goals in the areas of music and art.

3. Please describe how you will improve the quality of education (in the district for which you are running)?

By ensuring that equity, access and diversity are priorities in achieving student success.

4. What is your plan for reopening schools after the COVID-19 crisis?

My plan would include actively engaging students, faculty and staff in reopening plans, ensuring the educational environment is safe, and the needed resources provided to the students is adjusted to meet student needs post COVID-19.

5. Describe how schools and districts can secure additional social emotional supports via adding counselors, social workers and nurses.

By adding counselors, social workers and nurses, schools and districts can utilize each of the professional skill sets to help students manage their emotions, deal with types of trauma and maintain positive relationships especially in the wake of COVID-19 and distance learning.

Candidate Signature: *Abena Cruise*

(Use the draw function to sign. Signing confirms candidate's permission to post responses on the CVPPAC Web site.)

Thank you so much for your time and energy in completing this questionnaire. Your responses will be posted on the CVPPAC Web site and distributed to CVPPAC members. All completed questionnaire responses are to be submitted to Daren Miller at darenmilleremail@gmail.com by **11:59 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14 (without exception)**. The CVPPAC endorsement meeting will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 26, via Zoom**.

Contact Daren Miller at 559-382-9909 or darenmilleremail@gmail.com with your questions.

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