



Central Valley Progressive Political Action Committee

Due
9/13

Endorsement Questionnaire—Educational Candidates

Candidate Information:

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

1. Do you support publicly funded universal preschool?
2. What will you do to help ensure adequate funding for music and art programs at all primary and secondary levels?
3. Please describe how you will improve the quality of education (in the district for which you are running)?
4. What is your plan for reopening schools after the COVID-19 crisis?
5. Describe how schools and districts can secure additional social emotional supports via adding counselors, social workers and nurses.

Candidate Signature: Richard Caglia

(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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1. Do you support publicly funded pre-school?

I have a long record of voting to better fund our district's child development program, our educational center, and specific programs that assist our students with young children. I have always believed that a quality foundational education like pre-school and kindergarten help to put a child on the best path for future success, which is why it should be the educational phase that we most heavily invest in. I am also a big believer in getting students into summer camps, and other educational opportunities in between seasons.

2. What will you do to help ensure adequate funding for music and art programs at all primary and secondary levels?

I, along with my family have heavily invested in charities, organizations, and scholarships that help bring performance/fine arts to our community. We are also proud to be stewards of the Warnor's Theatre in Downtown Fresno, where we often have educational programming for our community's youth and those interested in performances not available in other venues in our city. We have helped sponsor many such events for multiple school districts. It is very unfortunate for kids (anyone really!) today, not being able to assemble for these events due to the pandemic.

3. Please describe how you will improve the quality of education at SCCCD?

We will continue to strive for improvement in our transfer and matriculation rates, so that students interested in attaining a 2 or 4 year degree may do so. We will also further invest in technical training so that student's seeking certifications and hands-on careers may do so with world-class preparation here in their community.

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

We will continue to provide quality virtual/distance learning in as many sections/majors as possible. We must only fully re-open after consulting with public health experts and after a vaccine becomes fully available. I trust our public health experts and scientists first when it comes to dealing with this pandemic.

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

This is an investment that is a long-time in the making. In recent years we have come to learn that mental health and social-emotional trauma can affect a child and young person's ability to learn and develop, so the more we invest in mental health and supportive services, the better prepared and successful our students will be. (Especially now during this pandemic)