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Personal Information: (Please include any information you would like to potentially share with our members such as whether or not you have children or grandchildren or connections with education, as well as clubs, community service and other leadership positions of interest. Attach separate information sheet if necessary.)

I have served on the Board of my trade association, Bed & Breakfast Inns of Missouri, for 17 of its 21 years of existence and am currently completing my 3rd year as President. I have served as Secretary Treasurer of the Missouri Civil War Re-enactors Association and of an affiliated unit. Involved in the Blind Boone Park renovation group in Warrensburg, past-president of the Johnson County Historical Society.

Have you ever taught, or do you have relatives who teach? Who? Where?
Yes, as adjunct at UCM, 89-95

Education:

Graduate School: MU (69-74 through on-base program) Degree earned: MBA
College: USAFA (61-65), UCM (86-89) Degree earned: BS at each
Business/Trade/Technical: Assorted USAF schools Degree earned:
High School: Degree earned:
Occupation: Retired military officer, Bed & Breakfast innkeeper

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We understand that most issues are too complex to answer just yes or no, so feel free to use the comments section provided to further explain your answer.

1. In the past, bills have been introduced in the Missouri Legislature to establish vouchers, tuition tax credits and tuition tax deductions for parents who choose to educate their children in private schools. What is your position on these issues?

Vouchers: Support Oppose
Tuition tax credits: Support Oppose
Tuition tax deductions: Support Oppose

Comments: I believe the money should follow the student. This would pressure school districts to succeed or lose students. Tax credits would not work should we move to a Fair Tax environment.

2. In May 2007, the Missouri Supreme Court decided that public employees could bargain collectively, but left specifics open to interpretation by the Legislature. Should legislation mandate traditional bargaining components such as strikes, exclusive representation and binding arbitration?

Strikes: Yes No
Exclusive representation: Yes No
Binding arbitration: Yes No

Comments: Public employees should NEVER have the power to shut down government or coerce their employers in any way, especially one that could force tax increases or prevent layoffs. It is the function of voters to decide if tax increases are necessary.

3. In 2009, the Joint Committee on Education did a study of open enrollment across school district lines in Missouri. Open enrollment allows students to attend any public school in Missouri, including schools outside their home school district. Would you support legislation allowing open enrollment in Missouri?

Support Oppose

Comments: As long as schools can set a ceiling on their enrollment and give preference to students in their own area. Schools should not be required to provide transportation or extra-cost services for such students.

4. Charter schools are limited by statute to operate in only the Kansas City and St. Louis School Districts. Would you support or oppose legislation to allow for charter schools to expand statewide?

Support Oppose

Comments: Charter schools could provide a secular alternative to government schools;
currently the alternatives are religious-based.

5. Career Ladder is a program established in 1985 that allows teachers in participating school districts to earn stipends for work done beyond regular classroom duties including student tutoring, parent contact, professional development, mentoring and other activities. The stipends are paid with funds from both the state and the local school district and range from \$1500 to \$5000 based on the number of hours worked and the teacher's level of education. Do you support the Career Ladder Program?

Support Oppose

Comments: To complex an issue to give a yes or no on. On the surface it appears to be a
means of providing overtime pay to teachers for tasks that I thought were
traditionally part of a teacher's duties.

6. Teacher salaries are paid based on years of experience and the teacher's level of education (bachelors, masters, doctorate, etc.). Do you support this method of paying teachers?

Support Oppose

Comments: I support this in part only. While these are certainly factors, the proof is in the
quality of the teaching and that should be the primary determinant.

7. In 2010, **HJR97** and **SJR39** were proposed to change the state constitution to alter the makeup of the State Board of Education. Currently the board consists of eight lay members. Under the proposed change, the board would be made of six lay members, one active superintendent, one active principal and one active classroom teacher. Do you support allowing practicing educators to serve on the State Board of Education?

Support Oppose

Comments: Would this not be the fox watching the henhouse?

8. Currently bond issues require a four-sevenths majority for approval if voted in April (each year) or August and November (even-numbered years). A two-thirds majority is required if voted on other election dates. Would you support or oppose legislation to allow Missouri citizens to decide if school bond issues should be approved by a simple majority vote?

Support Oppose

Comments: The supermajority requirements protect the taxpayer by ensuring that incurring public debt has broad support.

9. If elected, what would be your committee assignment preference?

Small business, economic development, tourism

10. If elected, what (if any) would be among the first bills you would sponsor or cosponsor?

Education Bill:

None

Non-education Bill:

Eminent domain reform

tax incentive reform

Assertion of state rates under the 10th Amendment

11. What do you believe is the number one issue facing Missourians?

Excessive growth of government at all levels takes more and more resources better used in the private sector. Control needs to be at the lowest level possible.

12. What do you believe is the number one issue facing education?

Poor results. Basic skills & knowledge (writing, math, civics, history) are often sorely lacking, even at the college level. These skills & knowledge need to be instilled at the K-12 levels. Various state and Federal mandates, as well as the educational fad du jour take time from educational necessities.

Any Additional Comments:

Student should be taught how to think, not what to think.



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