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| Candidate | Tom Pafford |
| Office Sought | Delegate, HD 38 |
| 1) Will you co-sponsor or sign legislation making permanent the requirement in Senate Bill 1303 that public school districts provide all students who wish to access in-person learning with in person education equivalent to the commonwealth's required number of instructional hours? | Yes |
| 2) The Virginia Department of Education ("VDOE") earlier this year proposed to phase out advanced math for certain students until 11th grade. Under this proposal, students would no longer have access to traditional specialized math classes such as Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry in middle school/early high school. Do you agree with this plan? | No |
| 3) Do you support "test-to-stay" efforts to limit the amount of classroom learning lost due to the quarantining of healthy children, e.g., by testing children identified as potential close contacts and then letting them return to school if they test negative? | Yes |
| 4) Thanks to the large military presence in Virginia, many local school districts receive substantial amounts of Federal Impact Aid funding. However, many service members report that these funds are just absorbed into their school district's general budget, rather than being used for supplemental programming, academic and socio-emotional supports military children are supposed to receive as a condition of those funds. How will you work to ensure that Impact Aid reaches military children and supports their highly transient lifestyle by making sure they are properly placed in Advanced, General and Special Education? | I will work to remove Federal Impact Aid Funding from a District's general budget and ensure it is earmarked for academic and socio-emotional support of military children. |
| 5) Describe your philosophy for expanding opportunities for all Virginia children to have access to pre-K education. | Pre-K education is a Parent's choice. I do not support removing Parental Rights. The state is not required to fund pre-K education or make arrangements for pre-K. |
| 6) VDOE dismisses special education complaints without investigating them at twice the national average rate, and they are three times less likely to rule in the student's favor than the national average. How would you reform VDOE to ensure that special education students' rights were respected? | I do not know enough about this issue so I cannot answer. |

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| <p>7) FCPS recently revised the admissions policy at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology to move away from admissions based mostly on academic merit and to partly consider socioeconomic backgrounds of students. Do you agree with this new admissions policy?</p> | <p>No</p> |
| <p>8) With the rise of parent scrutiny over school systems, systems have responded by further limiting opportunities for members of the general public to participate at public meetings. How will you allow parents to have a greater voice in the public school system?</p> | <p>I will work for legislation that would permit the removal of school board members that did not give adequate time for parent comments and disagreements.</p> |
| <p>9) Do you support calling for political parties, including your own, to refrain from endorsing candidates running in nonpartisan school board elections?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>10) Is there any additional information that you would like to share with the parents in Fairfax County?</p> | <p>The state has been in control of our educational system for over 200 years and for the past 50 to 70 years has continued to fail parents and students. Currently, the emphasis is on sex education over academic education -- notice the increase of pornography taught in our schools. If elected, I will work to remove state government control of our education system and work for legislation that permits private schools to run the schools -- additionally, legislation would require these private school to specialize in ACADEMIC TEACHING and/or the teaching of TRADE SKILLS. There would be no Sex Education taught, except for reproductive sex education, in public schools.</p> |