

Candidate	Kenny Meteiver
Office Sought	Delegate, HD 37
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?	A tax reform that forces specialty taxes to be used for the purpose of the tax. If a tax or fund cannot or does not get used in such a fashion, the tax should be eliminated. Education spending is vital, and programs as mentioned above are very important. There need to be checks and balances.
5) Describe your philosophy for expanding opportunities for all Virginia children to have access to pre-K education.	While I agree that Pre-K education is important, I also feel that it is not a taxpayer burden. If the government can remain out of the Pre-K education, it will continue to flourish and be a viable option for the parents to choose. We continue doing this through tax credits and

	<p>assistance based on income. Investing in education is the most important investment the Commonwealth of Virginia can make. We cannot let this generation become a lost generation due to the pandemic. As Delegate, I will be a tireless advocate for programs that address learning loss and promote a rigorous curriculum that brings out the best in every child.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>The rights of every student are very important. This is troubling to hear stories of these students. More power needs to be taken out of the hands of the teacher's unions and school boards and placed back into the hands of the families.</p>
<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 public to participate at public meetings. How will you allow parents to have a greater voice in the public school system?</p>	<p>Creating town hall venues that are not political but allow for voices to be heard on all sides of the issues and topics. Also, no public school meeting should be limited. We need to ensure parents are able to hear and be heard. The recent cries of parents on both sides of the isle further show a need to implement school choice and charter schools.</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>Currently, the Fairfax County School systems do not allow for lower than a 50% grade. Our students need to be able to learn from mistakes and wrong doings. If a student cannot get less than 50% what are we telling our students? Don't work and still get paid? We want our students to challenge themselves, to grow, to learn, not to have handouts and be taught they don't need to even try.</p>