

**BEFORE VOTING FOR ANY LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE  
BE SURE TO HAVE THEIR ANSWERES TO THESE QUESTIONS**

1. You say you support education. Please expand on that and explain what you mean by that statement.
2. How do you personally support public education? Did you attend public schools? Do/did your children? When and for what purpose were you most recently in a public school? What is your level of education?
3. What do you believe are the most important factors impacting a student's chance for educational success?
4. What is your reaction to the statement, recently made by one of our legislators, that "the public schools are broken"?
5. Do you agree that vouchers are a way to improve our public schools?
6. Under the federal law known as "No Child Left Behind" 100% of our students must meet basic standards by 2014. Do you believe this is an achievable goal?
7. QBE, the current funding mechanism for our schools, was adopted by the legislature in the mid-1980's. How would you move us to a new funding mechanism for the 21<sup>st</sup> century?
8. Do you favor using a SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) for general revenue for schools to reduce reliance on local tax burdens?
9. What actions would you support to recruit and retain quality teachers?
10. Do you believe that TRS and ERS funds should be invested in venture capital and other high risk investments or do you believe in more conservative investment of retirement funds?
11. Do you support charter schools and do you believe they should be held to the same standards of student achievement as the regular public schools?

## **HOW TO USE THESE QUESTIONS**

*(Some Suggestions)*

- ❖ Meet with the House/Senate candidates individually. Ask them to respond or leave the questions with them for a written response later.
- ❖ Mail the questions to the candidates and ask them to respond to you in writing.
- ❖ Organize a meeting at a public place of educators with the candidates. A moderator could ask the candidates to respond in turn to each of the questions.
- ❖ Ask your local newspaper to publish the questions and interview the candidates for a news story in which the candidate responses are published.
- ❖ E-mail the questions to the candidates and have them e-mail back their responses. Share their responses with all those on your e-mail network.
- ❖ Invite the local radio station to have candidates as guests where callers or a moderator can ask the questions and solicit candidate responses.