



Wisconsin Family Ties

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State Superintendent Candidates Respond on Special Education, Mental Health

MADISON – As the candidates for the office of Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction prepare for the upcoming non-partisan primary election on February 21, Wisconsin Family Ties is highlighting issues regarding mental health and special education. Superintendent candidate responses to a Wisconsin Family Ties questionnaire have been published online at <http://tinyurl.com/StateSuptResponses2017>.

“Our next State Superintendent will confront crucial issues for students who face mental health-related challenges, and for their families,” said Joanne Juhnke, policy director for Wisconsin Family Ties. “Wisconsin is becoming increasingly aware of the struggles that children and families with mental health challenges are facing, and voters deserve an opportunity to make as informed a decision as possible.”

Candidates were asked to respond to six questions across the following topics: special education funding, school response for students experiencing mental health challenges, disparities for students with emotional behavioral disabilities, seclusion and restraint, referral to law enforcement, and special needs vouchers.

Your vote is your voice, and early voting is already underway in some municipalities for the February 21 primary. Wisconsin Family Ties encourages all voters to learn about the issues and vote in the February 21 primary, as well as the April 4 spring election.

Wisconsin Family Ties, Wisconsin’s family voice for children’s mental health, is a parent-run nonprofit organization serving families that include children with social, emotional, behavioral or mental health challenges. Founded in 1987, its mission is to enhance lives by promoting children’s mental health.

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