Education

I am a strong believer that maintaining a world-class system of primary and secondary education with high standards in which all students can reach their potential is critically important to America's future. I believe parents should be empowered to send their children to the school of their choice and all allowable public education funds to follow the students to the schools or services that best fit their needs - whether that's to a public school, private school, charter school, home school or any other learning environment families choose as long as that learning environment passes the same standards set for public schools.

I believe we should strengthen our current schools. Each should have a fair and equitable evaluation system and those that are not performing in an acceptable manner, immediate steps should be taken to get them to an acceptable standard. If this means replacing administration, staff, or teachers in order to achieve this goal, then it should be done. I do not believe that anyone in the system should be protected if they are underperforming. This does mean that all personnel in the education system should have performance evaluations and corrective actions taken. If that person continues to underperform, then they should be removed until they can adequately prove that they can meet the proper standards. Teachers will no longer be protected and "hidden" within the educational system once they are in it. And for those that do excel, I propose a federal "reward" system that encourages outstanding performance.

I propose an education system based on Florida's B.E.S.T. standards which promote English language arts and Math Standards that bring education back to the basics by prioritizing reading, writing, arithmetic, and civics, and provides parents, teachers, and students a clear, concise, and cohesive framework without the worries of conceptual confusion.

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