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**for**

**Superintendent of Public Instruction**

**Education, Not Indoctrination!**

**Connect with Our Past!**

Education’s purpose is to produce a responsible adult. Foundational to this is the requirement to instill in students their rights and responsibilities as citizens of our constitutional republic. The principles that are contained in our nation’s founding documents (Declaration of Independence and Constitution) serve as the basis for these rights; thus all of our courses, from elementary school through university level courses, need to be aligned with these principles. Students should know their rights and responsibilities as citizens, where these rights are listed, the source of these rights, and the benefits and responsibilities of citizens who live in a constitutional republic and a free enterprise economy.

**Protect Our Students!**

* **Promote healthy lifestyles.** Students need to be protected from the bullying of certain well-financed special-interest pressure groups that promote and affirm sexual anarchy and unhealthy lifestyles.
* **Promote sobriety.** Schools and school officials, at all levels from elementary through college, should discourage the use and glamorization of alcohol.

**Prepare for the Future!**

Treat boys as boys, and educate them to become young men; treat girls as girls and educate them to become young women.

* **Separate the genders in physical education classes.** Girls will be more willing to participate in physical activity.
* **Make required courses, especially mathematics, more relevant.** This will foster student interest and keep students from disengaging from school.
* **Provide educational opportunities for all.** Children are an asset, not a liability; no matter what their ethnic background, they will make wonderful citizens if they are educated in our heritage and foundational documents.
* **Set high literary standards.** Literature should be positive and inspiring, not vulgar or depressing.
* **Restore Constitutional liberty to our educational institutions.** Restore first amendment liberties of freedom of religion, speech, the press, and association to our schools and universities. Also restore the equal protection of the law guaranteed by the 14th amendment instead of arbitrary diversity quotas.

**Assist Educators!**

* **Employ proctors and graders.** Reduce teacher’s administrative burden.
* **Enhance flexibility in obtaining additional endorsements.**  Increase teacher employment flexibility by streamlining the process by which certificated teachers can obtain additional endorsements.

**Ron Higgins’ Background**

* **Certificated Teacher – Math Endorsement**
* **Substitute Teacher in six districts.** Taught all grades K-12, including bi-lingual and special ed; also taught at the science and technology high school, the vocational high school, the alternative high schools, and the juvenile justice center.
* **Retired Engineer –** Department of Energy
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