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1) Should biological males who identify as female be able to use the girls bathrooms and locker rooms?

No. I'm sorry but I think this opens the door to opportunity for both sexes. I'm open to creating a designated bathroom for those children though. More like a unisex bathroom for those who are comfortable and ok with this. My daughter was recently in the bathroom when a boy walked in, and she was very uncomfortable. When I asked her to report it she said he says he's transgender and the Deans said he's allowed.

2) Should school staff use the preferred pronoun and first name of a child who identifies as the opposite gender they were born with?

No, and I do not think we need to be labeled with pronouns at all.

3) Should biological boys compete against biological girls in school sports?

No and I think that goes both ways though.

4) Should students and employees be forced to mask and get vaxxed to attend government schools?

No. This should be an option. Do it if you want, but do not force others to do the same. I will be honest and open with you, I was on the lawsuit that sued our district over this to protect our children's right and freedom.

5) Should children be taught there are more than two genders?

No. This is science. There are only two genders.

6) Should families be able access a portion of state education funding to use for educational expenses, including private school tuition, tutoring, curriculum, and supplies?

This is a tricky question. I want to say yes, to offer the opportunity too many children, but, I feel that when the government has access and control, the freedoms of certain things are taken away. The government controls too much of what we do with our children in our district and I do not like it, so I guess the answer would then be no for me.

7) Do you support or oppose Governor Pritzker's plan to increase Illinois taxpayer-supported education funding by 6.2% in 2024?

With everything going on right now and the cost of everything, I'm going to say no. We need to figure out a way to utilize what we have now, and make sure our tax dollars now are actually going into our schools. This is something I am very interested in seeing first hand if I am elected.

8) To increase equity, should school districts eliminate honors classes?

As a mother whose daughter is in honors, I'd actually be open to this! Honors to me is wonderful, but it also puts a lot of stress on our children especially in high school. If a child excels in their math class, wouldn't it be better to also have those children help other students who are maybe struggling a bit? So I actually like this idea. The only fight that would happen is losing the teacher that teaches the honor classes, but, with that also being said, we could possibly increase the classroom size, and offer both teachers for each side of the learning.

9) Should school nurses or other school staff be prohibited from helping students obtain an abortion during or after school hours?

This is a very hard question for me to answer yes or no to. I am not for abortion if being used in the form of birth control, however I am for it in cases of rape, incest, and medical reasons. If a student goes to the nurse and says she's been raped by her father and is pregnant, not wanting to have that child I support the nurse helping her terminate the pregnancy, but also having the police involved and having that child removed from that home. Clearly the child wouldn't be able to go to her own parents for help. This to me is a case by case decision. Abortions should not be taken lightly. This is an actual surgery, and the after effects emotionally are not easy to cope with. That decision lives with you for the rest of your life. So I support it, but I don't support it. I'm sorry I can not answer that in a yes or no. I would hope that both my girls would come to me if ever needed before a school staff member, but I know some children do not have the option of doing so.

10) Should school administrators be required to notify the parents of students who have expressed concerns about their gender identity?

No. If a child is questioning their identity or feelings they are having, I do feel our children should be comfortable with an educator to go to them. However, this should be a trained and licensed therapist on site. Then if the therapist feels this is serious, then they can bring the parents in to discuss further. When I was in high school I went through some very hard times and if I wasn't able to go to my counselor I'm not sure I would have gotten through those times. So kids do deserve a safe person outside the home.