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Race	Senate District 18	Senate District 18	Assembly District 54	Assembly District 54
Current occupation	Press & Bindery Coordinator	Winnebago County Executive	incumbent	student, UW Oshkosh
Party affiliation	Republican	Democratic	Democratic	Libertarian
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1. How can the state, in collaboration with other levels of government, provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through university?	I think it's important to look at all available solutions to this issue: charter schools, voucher schools, virtual schools, school district collaboration, public-private partnerships, different funding schemes, and anything else that arises.	The state funding formulas for K-12 schools should help to provide quality public education for all children. Currently however underfunding for public education has created a situation where operational referendums are necessary to supplement state funding.	Our local schools should not have to go to referendum just to fund basic operating expenses. State lawmakers must prioritize funding for public education in Wisconsin again, or we will continue to see decreased economic opportunity for our children, families, and communities.	[did not respond]
2. Do you support returning the control of public school revenues to local school boards? Why or why not?	I believe a reasonable cap on levy limits allows school districts the freedom to ask communities for support in funding their educational system while still ensuring there is a failsafe to ensure that taxes are kept low enough to not overstrain working families.	School revenues have generally been controlled by the public through referendums and by the state by funding formulas. The funding should improve but control of property tax and state aid should remain with the public and with the state respectively.	The current revenue limits[...] are unfair to fiscally responsible districts that had lower spending at the time they were established. The current education formula the state uses was originally designed to be in place for around three to five years.	[did not respond]
3. Do you support the continued expansion of school voucher programs in Wisconsin? Why or why not?	Yes, I do support the Wisconsin voucher schools program. I believe it is a parent's right to secure the best possible education for their child, and if they feel their child would be better served in a private school versus a public school, I support their decision.	The voucher programs should not be expanded and probably should be rolled back. When our primary education system responsible for a quality education for all students is not being adequately funded, funding should not be diverted to a second system.	I recognize that many parents choose to send their children to private schools, for a number of reasons, and certainly respect their choice to do so. However, this choice should remain funded through private means, and should not be at the expense of our public school system.	[did not respond]
4. How much support should the state of Wisconsin give to students at public universities?	. . . I don't believe that throwing money at the issue of higher education costs. Parents and students need to be more conscious consumers; universities need to be more frugal spenders; legislators need to be careful watchers to assist where possible and right wrongs where necessary.	I believe the primary focus should be sufficient access and that the state should be funding at least 25% of public university education expenses.	The UW System has always been a main economic driver in our state, infusing over \$15 billion into our economy each year. UW System's current and past budget requests represent a bare minimum request. After years of cuts, this request must be granted . . .	[did not respond]
5. Do you support a tuition freeze for the Wisconsin public universities? Why or why not?	Yes, I do support extending the tuition freeze. The university system in Wisconsin still receives more than adequate funding to provide a world-class education to our children.	The tuition freeze is only acceptable if the state provides additional financial support. Like any price freeze a tuition freeze will inevitably result in an erosion of quality or access.	While I am a strong supporter of college affordability, it is important that any continuing tuition freeze on the UW system be accompanied by additional state funding support balanced with state funding.	[did not respond]

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	Russ Feingold	Ron Johnson	Sarah Lloyd	Glenn Grothman	Michael Schraa
Race	U.S. Senate	U.S. Senate	U.S. House of Representatives	U.S. House of Representatives	Assembly District 53
Current occupation	former U.S. Senator	incumbent	dairy farmer	incumbent	incumbent
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1. How can the state, in collaboration with other levels of government, provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through university?	At a federal level, there is more that can be done to make sure that local districts have the resources they need. Local control over the day-to-day classroom experience of our students helps to ensure that children get an education tailored to their unique needs and talents.	[did not respond]	It is especially important in rural areas, like the 6th Congressional District, that public options are available to parents who seek to take advantage of pre-K education. The role of the state should be to ensure that every community has both accessible options for this crucial stage in educational development.	[did not respond]	[did not respond]
2. Do you support returning the control of public school revenues to local school boards? Why or why not?	I am a strong supporter of local control over education and I am open to proposals for how we can ensure consistent, robust funding for local school districts.	[did not respond]	I support returning the control of public school revenues to the local school boards. I think it should be up the communities, not the state, to decide how much they want to invest in their education.	[did not respond]	[did not respond]
3. Do you support the continued expansion of school voucher programs in Wisconsin? Why or why not?	No. I believe that we can more effectively and equitably support Wisconsin students by providing adequate funding for local school districts, many of which have been hit hard by budget cuts.	[did not respond]	I do not support expansion of school voucher programs. Voucher programs do not show improved student performance when weighted for socio-economic class and race. Furthermore voucher programs lack accountability in many cases.	[did not respond]	[did not respond]
4. How much support should the state of Wisconsin give to students at public universities?	It’s time to put an end to the era of cuts to the UW System, which is one of Wisconsin’s most treasured institutions. I believe that lawmakers, schools, and communities should work together to create a system that allows students to graduate from Wisconsin’s public universities debt-free.	[did not respond]	It is important that states take the steps necessary to make sure that public universities are accessible and affordable to all, while at the same time maintaining the resources they need to prepare students for the next step in their careers.	[did not respond]	[did not respond]
5. Do you support a tuition freeze for the Wisconsin public universities? Why or why not?	I’m open to any steps to make college more affordable for students at Wisconsin’s public universities. However, Wisconsin cannot afford to continue shortchanging the UW System in its biennial budgets. That’s why I support proposals to tackle the student debt crisis by allowing student loan refinancing.	[did not respond]	Yes, I support the tuition freeze because it allows college tuition to stay in check after a period of rising far above inflation. I think it is important, however, that the state meets its obligation to this system by providing proper funding for state schools and ensure that a decrease in tuition does not translate to a decrease in the quality of education and opportunity for students.	[did not respond]	[did not respond]