LRTA SURVEY "OTHER" RESPONSES

Jason Amato, State Rep. Candidate (LRTA District 3)

Q2) I am a strong advocate for our Education System, with my Sister being a Principal and numerous family members being educators, coaches and in administration. I truly respect and appreciate the years of service that our LRTA members have provided to our State and our children. My success in life is a direct result of my quality education and the teachers who cared for me. While I do support us starting to plan ahead for the eventual sunset of the temporary tax, I do feel that this election is a generational election where we can finally come together and develop a sustainable solution to our education funding issues.

Q4) I would strongly consider the recommendations of the LRTA on the GPO and WEP with the understanding that in the absence of these programs, what are the regrets and longterm impacts. As a Shell Chemical Retiree, I am certified in Causal Reasoning, which I would advocate those principles to help us drive to the right decision.

Q5) As I mentioned in the earlier question, this is a generational election and we have to finally land on a solution that eliminates this issue from coming up every year. Lets agree to fund all aspects of education and eliminate this from being a yearly battle every session

Douglas LaCombe, State Rep. Candidate (LRTA District 6)

Q3) I do favor a constitutional convention, but not for education.

Xavier Ellis, Gubernatorial

Q1) Requires more research
Q4) I need to research both before giving a definite answer

Russell Wise, State Rep. Candidate (LRTA District 2)

Q2) Saying"yes" or "no" is an oversimplification of a complex issue. I'd be happy to discuss the pros and cons of both answers.

Mary DuBuisson, State Rep. Candidate (LRTA District 3) (Slidell area only)

(Q3) Because a constitutional convention would not be simply directed towards teacher

James Mckinley, State Rep. Candidate (LRTA District 5)

(Q2) I would oppose a change, but would like the opportunity to become fully informed.
(Q4) I would like an opportunity to become more informed.

Dodie Horton, State Rep. Candidate (LRTA District 11)

(Q3) I have served 8 yrs and this is a difficult topic. As I have previously stated – I am a member of LESSERS- my husband is a retired sport firefighter who received supplemental pay. I also have firsthand knowledge of the many 100s of constitutionality protected funds that no longer serve a purpose – if a

convention was proposed, I would only support it if the proposal included language that would take the budgetary protections for education – retirement-supplemental pay off the "table" may be more that would need to be included but I absolutely would fight to protect these from further scrutiny.

Parry "Matt", Thomas, State Rep. Candidate
(LRTA District 4)
(Q3)Depends on goals

Norm Davis, State Rep. Candidate
(LRTA District 2)
(Q2) Question is not clear. I support teachers and present retirement plans unless better benefits become available.
(Q3) Question is not clear. I am not in favor of constitutional convention at this time.
(Q4) not familar with issue

Trish LeLeux, State Rep. Candidate
(LRTA District 6)
(Q3) I support a limited constitutional convention that doesn't touch education or retirement

Reginald Jasmin, State Rep. Candidate
(LRTA District 1)
(Q4) Need more information.

Daniel Cole, Gubernotorial
(All LRTA Districts)
(Q2) I would do everything in my power to protect teacher retirement, as is and will be in the future.

Wiley Avara, State Rep. Candidate
(LRTA District 4)
(Q5)I would support teacher and support staff pay raises as long as it didn't include raises for management and school board officials

Evan McMichael, Senate Candidate
(LRTA District 3 & 4)
(Q3) I might support a constitutional convention, but pledge to keep protections for education funding.

Stephen Swiber, Senate Candidate
(LRTA Distict 5)
(Q2) I would evaluate such bills on a case by case basis, but always with the goal of keeping teachers' retirement as safe as possible

Greg Miller, State Rep. Candidate
(LRTA District 2)

(Q2) I do not advocate closing the defined benefit plan. However, I do think we should consider a hybrid plan as an additional option for teachers.

Troy Hebert, State Rep. Candidate
(LRTA District 8)

(Q1) I'm not familiar with the legislation recently passed. Upon reading information about it, it seems to be a good thing, but I would need more information do give a definite yes.

(Q2) The current structure for teacher retirement in Louisiana seems to be the preferred system, however, it's difficult to give a solid yes when I have not seen other options to consider. I do understand the concern around changing someone's retirement plan. I'm sure many are fearful of what that could look like. What I can say is I would be open to any discussion related to this topic to learn more. Being a first-time candidate with limited exposure to the teacher retirement system, the more I know, allows me to make a better decision.

(Q3)I do believe in protecting good policy related to education. Again, I am not familiar with any budgetary protections related to constitutional amendments passed. I believe many amendments likely need to be re-addressed due to longevity and changing times. I cannot speak if anything under education fits that profile. What I can say is I am pro-education and should the protections make sense, I would support protecting it.

(Q4) I need to know more about GPO & WEP to give a definite answer.

(Q5) I support teach pay raises and support staff. I am not familiar with the MFP as a way to fund it. I am open to learning more about the MFP.

Michael Bayham, State Rep. Candidate
(LRTA District 1)

(Q2) Need to study the matter further.
(Q3) Need to study the matter further.
(Q4) Need to study the matter further.

Mary Ann Mushatt, Senate Candidate
(LRTA District 2)

(Q2) This is not a yes or no question, but I would oppose these kinds of bills.
(Q3) Again, not a yes or no. But I would oppose this legislation.
(Q4) I do not know enough about this to comment.