

AFT-NH

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AFT-NH is the State Affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers. AFT-NH represents more than 4,000 public and private sector employees in NH which include teachers, police officers, support staff, higher education employees and city and town employees.

2012 Candidate Questionnaire **State Legislature and Governor**

Candidate Name: _____
(Please print clearly.)

Address: _____
(Street or PO Box)

(City, State, Zip Code)

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Website: _____

1. The questionnaire shall be submitted on or before **July 6th, 2012** in order to be considered. Our members will be informed if a candidate either refuses or fails to submit a questionnaire.
2. The questions cannot be changed. You may submit up to a total of one (1) additional page to explain your answers but explanations in lieu of selecting Yes or No will not be considered or distributed to our membership.
3. Each candidate questionnaire shall be submitted by fax (226-0133), mail or electronic transmission to lhainey@aft-nh.org. Each candidate shall sign and date the questionnaire. Questionnaires not signed by the candidate will not be accepted.
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4. Would you vote for any version of so-called "Right to Work" legislation? (select one)

☐ Yes

☐ No

5. Would you vote for any weakening or repeal of collective bargaining laws for NH's public employees?
(select one)

☐ Yes

☐ No

6. Do you agree that if a collective bargaining agreement "expires" that the doctrine of "status quo" should apply? Status quo means that current wages and benefits remain in place until a new contract is negotiated by the parties and approved by the legislative body.

☐ Yes

☐ No

7. Would you vote for any legislation that would limit the ability of a union to collect dues from members through a payroll deduction?

☐ Yes

☐ No

8. Would you vote for any measures that would block the implementation of the Affordable Health Care Act?

☐ Yes

☐ No

9. Do you support any proposed constitutional amendments such as CACR 12 which would give the legislature complete authority to determine standards and funding for our schools and undo the 1997 "Claremont" decision?

(select one)

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. Do you support the proposed constitutional amendment known as CACR 6 which would prohibit any increase in a tax or fee without a supermajority of lawmakers (60 percent) approving it.

(select one)

☐ Yes

☐ No

11. Do you support any proposed constitutional amendments such as CACR 13, relating to: prohibiting an assessment, rate, or tax on personal income and providing that: no assessment, rate, or tax on income earned by a natural person shall be levied by the state of New Hampshire except taxes in effect on January 1, 2012 and adjustment to the rate of such taxes.

(select one)

☐ Yes

☐ No

12. Do you believe that standardized student test scores should be used to determine individual teacher compensation?

☐ Yes

☐ No

13. Do you believe that standardized student test scores should be considered in teacher evaluation or certification?

☐ Yes

☐ No

14. Do you support and would vote to provide an annual COLA (cost of living adjustment) for retirees of the NH Retirement System?

☐ Yes

☐ No

15. Would you vote to retain the current structure of the NH Retirement System as a defined benefit program as opposed to a defined contribution (401-k type) plan?

☐ Yes

☐ No

16. Do you support so-called "voter id" legislation that would create further requirements for voting in NH?

☐ Yes

☐ No

17. Have you ever served in an elected capacity on the local, state or national level? Please list every office held, years of service and the locale.

18. Have you ever been employed as a public employee? If so, please specify.

19. As a legislator you will vote on the state budget. Please list your top three (3) priorities for the budget and please be specific.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

20. If elected, would you become a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

21. Do you support diverting state funds to charter schools?

☐ Yes

☐ No

22. Would you vote for school vouchers?

☐ Yes

☐ No

23. What are your top three (3) priorities if elected?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

24. How long have you lived in NH? _____

25. Do you support "The Free State Project"?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Candidate Signature

Dated

Additional Comments or Explanations (Please limit to one page.)