



2016 Candidate Responses to PFT Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Leanne Krueger-Braneky
Party Affiliation: Democrat
Running For: HD-161

RESPONSES TO PFT EDUCATION PLATFORM:

(1 = Disagree, 5 = Strongly Agree and Commit):

#1: A restoration agenda should be a top priority for Philadelphia education. Candidate response: **5**

Comments:

#2: Advocating for a fair contract for our educators. Candidate response: **5**

Comments:

#3: Advocating for more charter school accountability and a moratorium on new charter schools while the financial crisis goes unresolved. Candidate response: **5**

Comments:

#4: Pushing back against privatization of our workers. Candidate response: **5**

Comments: Government ought to be a leader in wages and benefits, not a race-to-the-bottom price.

#5: Dissolution of the SRC. Candidate response: **5**

Comments:

#6: Partnering with the State Legislature to implement a weighted funding formula Candidate response: **5**



Comments: *“Although we've passed a weighted funding formula, more needs to be done to ensure that Pennsylvania loses its notoriety as the most inequitable public school system in the nation, including increased funding to be run through the formula.*

#7: Working to find additional, recurring revenue that will help sustain our schools. Candidate response: **5**

Comments: *I voted for a shale tax the only time it was allowed on the floor for a vote and will continue to push to make oil & gas companies and multinational corporations headquartered out of state pay their fair share of taxes.*

#8: Committing to working in partnership with the community to develop and implement 25 unionized community schools. Candidate response: **“5**

Comments:

#9: Highlighting the negative impact high-stakes testing has on students. Candidate response: **5**

Comments:

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

How has your past career experience prepared you for working in the office you are seeking?

I am running for re-election to serve my first full term in the House.

Are you a proponent of school vouchers, school choice, or charter school expansion?

No. Education is a public good--all children have a right, especially in Pennsylvania, to a thorough and efficient public education regardless of their background or neighborhood. Adequately funded public schools would surely provide the quality every child deserves.

Would you work to rescind Act 46? Why or why not?

Yes. Local school boards understand the needs of their communities better than any other entity could.



RATE THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES FOR YOUR TERM IN OFFICE

- **Reducing class size: H (high priority)**
- **Increasing support personnel in schools: H (high priority)**
- **Settlement of a fair contract that is good for Philadelphia's educators and students: H (high priority)**
- **Mandating full time, unionized certified school nurses in every school: H (high priority)**
- **Mandating full time, unionized counselors in every school: H (high priority)**
- **Mandating wraparound services in schools: H (high priority)**
- **Attendance and graduation improvement initiatives: H (high priority)**
- **Access to high quality technology and high-speed Internet access in every classroom: H (high priority)**
- **Expansion of pre-k eligibility and opportunity: D (disagree with this statement)**
- **Elimination of teacher seniority: D (disagree with this statement)**
- **Using taxpayer money to pay tuition for private and religious schools: D (disagree with this statement)**
- **Modifying or reducing pensions: D (disagree with this statement)**

<h3>ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</h3>