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**Personal Information:** (Please include any information you would like to potentially share with our members such as whether or not you have children or grandchildren or connections with education, as well as clubs, community service and other leadership positions of interest. Attach separate information sheet if necessary.)

BS, USAF Academy, 1965; MBA-MO, 1974; BSAG-business CMSU 1989

21 years USAF officer, mostly in contract management field.

Own + operate Cedarcrest Farm Bed + Breakfast since 1988

Have held various leadership positions in STAR + national Bx/B organizations since 1991.

Involved in Civ. War reenacting including presentations to schools.

Have you ever taught, or do you have relatives who teach? Who? Where?

Teacher adjunct at CMSU Ag Dept- 1989-96, Parent teacher at several

universities. Wife has teacher introductory writing courses

at several colleges / community colleges.

## Education:

Graduate School: Name University of Missouri Location Whiteman AFB

College: Name USAF Academy, CMSU Location \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Trade/Technical: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

High School: Name Lake Charles HS Location Lake Charles, La

Occupation: retired USAF, Bed + Breakfast host, web design/hosting

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## Please respond to the following questions:

1. In the past, bills have been introduced in the Missouri legislature to establish vouchers, tuition tax credits and tuition tax deductions for parents who choose to educate their children in private schools. What is your position on these issues?

Vouchers:  Support  Oppose

Tuition tax credits:  Support  Oppose

Tuition tax deductions:  Support  Oppose

Additional Comments: I would support some, but perhaps not all, of these options, to allow students to receive enhanced education.

2. HB1783, providing tax credits for scholarships for certain students, was filed during the 2006 session. Would you support or oppose the legislation as filed?

Support  Oppose

Additional Comments: According to the latest bill summary, it appears that it would provide alternatives for students from non-performing districts. A smaller student base may help those schools do a better job.

3. Currently, bond issues require a four-sevenths majority for approval if voted in April (each year) or August and November (even-numbered years). A two-thirds majority is required if voted on other election dates. Would you support or oppose legislation to allow Missouri citizens to decide if school bond issues should be approved by a simple majority vote?

Support  Oppose

Additional Comments: Indebtedness is serious. A supermajority ensures only the most deserving issues pass.

4. For a number of years, the General Assembly has considered bills that would mandate some form of collective bargaining for state employees and political subdivisions, including public schools. If elected, what will be your position on collective bargaining for teachers? For state employees?

I oppose <sup>mandatory</sup> collective bargaining for any public employees. As long as job actions are not allowed and union membership is not mandatory, voluntary collective bargaining is O.K.

5. Property taxes are a major source of revenue for Missouri schools. There are many proposals that would provide property tax relief for Missouri senior citizens. Would you support a limitation on those proposals to include an income cap, or do you favor another method? If so, what?

The cap, <sup>if any,</sup> should be based on property value. I support consumption based taxes (the Fair Tax) as an alternative to the hodge-podge of tax systems we have today.

6. Career Ladder is a program that encourages teachers to remain in the classroom by paying them for after-school work with students. The program currently pays teachers in three stages, with a portion of each payment coming from the state and a portion from the local school district: Stage I teachers receive \$1,500 each year, Stage II receives \$3,000, and Stage III receives \$5,000. These levels have not changed since the program was established in 1985. Would you support or oppose legislation to increase these levels?

\_\_\_\_\_ Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose

Additional Comments: I cannot answer this question properly without a great deal more knowledge of the program.

7. If elected, what would be your committee assignment preference?

Small business, tourism, elections, conservation & natural resources

8. If elected, what (if any) would be among the first bills you would sponsor or cosponsor?

Education bill: while I will carefully consider education issues, they will not be my primary focus  
Non-education bill: Return of tax-diverting programs (TIF, TDD), etc.

9. What do you believe is the number one issue facing Missourians?

Property rights - all else flows from the proper recognition of the right to private property. Private property provides our tax base & generates the economic activity that makes everything else work.

10. What do you believe is the number one issue facing education?

- Money & the most effective use thereof.

11. There is a movement to have all school districts spend 65 percent of their budgets on "classroom instruction." Do you support having every school district meet the same spending requirements?

Support <sup>w/in limits</sup>  Oppose

Additional Comments: With a proper definition of "classroom instruction"  
I support the general concept of reducing administrative  
overhead.

12. Would you support or oppose the expansion of the charter school legislation to allow for charter schools statewide?

Support  Oppose  Unsure

Additional Comments: I would have to see proof of their  
success (or lack thereof)

13. Would you support the expansion of charter schools if it applied only to school districts that are provisionally accredited or unaccredited?

Support  Oppose

Additional Comments: possibly - see above.

14. Do you believe teachers should be paid according to a salary schedule based on education and years of experience, or should salaries be modified based on student performance? Why?

Support  Oppose This question includes 2 opposing options,  
so hard to answer either/or.

Additional Comments: There should be some way to reward the most  
capable + successful teachers while keeping them in the  
classroom.

Any Additional Comments (attach separate sheet if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

Why don't you make this survey available on-line as a word  
document so candidates can download + send you a typed copy?

As a Libertarian, I believe government should  
be small and "done" on the lowest levels  
possible.



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