



2018 Gubernatorial Candidate Questionnaire

AFT Michigan is a union of PreK-12 teachers and support personnel, university faculty, staff and graduate employees, community college instructors and administrative employees and credit union employees. The mission of AFT Michigan is to strengthen worker voice, advance the education institutions in which our members work, and build a progressive movement committed to achieving these goals.

The AFT Michigan Administrative Board is considering endorsing a candidate for governor prior to the 2018 primary elections. Responses to this questionnaire will be shared with our local leaders and members, in addition to being posted on our website.

The deadline to submit the questionnaire is December 12, 2017. Completed questionnaires should be emailed to jrowe@aftmichigan.org.

AFT Michigan invites candidates who return this questionnaire to join us at our Leadership Summit on January 13, 2018. The forum will be held 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. with local leaders from across the state.

If you require additional space to answer questions, please attach additional documents. If you have questions or would like clarification on any part of the questionnaire, please contact Julie Rowe at jrowe@aftmichigan.org or (734) 735-8780.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate Name: EARL LACKIE

Party Affiliation: REPUBLICAN

Website:

LACKIEFORGOVERNOR.COM

Candidate Signature:

Earl Lackie

Date: _____

Please briefly describe your background (including whether you have ever held office, worked in public education, or been a union member).

PreK-12, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you restore funding and increase investment in our public schools, colleges and universities?
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How would you approach tax policy to provide increased investment in education?

MAINTAIN CURRENT TAX REFORMS SUCH AS SPECIAL ED, OPIOID TASK FORCE EDUCATION

How would you make education funding at all levels fair and equitable?

FAIR SPENDING ESPECIALLY WITH LOWER INCOME

How would you make our public education systems more holistic and cohesive, from early childhood to university?

GRADE LEVEL STANDARDS, BETTER ASSESSMENT & MEASUREMENT TOOLS, OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS LIKE SKILLED TRADES

How would you protect students, faculty and staff from discrimination and harassment based on socioeconomic status, disability, gender, religion, national origin, race, immigration status, sexual orientation, and gender expression?

FOLLOW FEDERAL LAW

PreK-12 EDUCATION

<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you provide necessary funding to expand access to quality early childhood education programs?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you support mandatory full-day kindergarten for all students in Michigan?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you actively oppose all private school voucher proposals and other plans intended to divert taxpayer dollars from public schools to private schools?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you support legislation that would provide funding for local school districts to reduce their class size, particularly for schools serving high numbers of disadvantaged students?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	Would you support policies to reduce the amount of standardized testing required for Michigan students?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you support policies to fully involve paraprofessionals in the development of students' Individualized Education Plans?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you restore the right of school support staff to bargain over privatization of school services?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you support requiring full financial and academic transparency of the education management organizations that run charter and cyber schools in Michigan?

What measures would you take to address the current educator shortage in Michigan?

BETTER PAY, BENEFITS, HEALTH CARE, PENSIONS
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

How would you address the achievement gaps between groups of students based on race and socioeconomic status?

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, MORE AFRICAN AMERICAN
MALE TEACHERS, ROLE MODELS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you support returning to a university funding model with the state providing the majority of university funding, allowing tuition to be very affordable? <i>DEPENDS - CHANGE THE FINANCIAL STRUCTURE</i>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you appoint people who support workers, and our freedom to join together in unions, to college and university boards?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you protect academic freedom from partisan attacks?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you support repealing the prohibition on allowing graduate student research assistants to unionize?

What would you do to make public college and university education affordable?

LOWER INTEREST RATES, FEDERAL FUNDING

How would you address the discrepancies in compensation and job security between tenure-track and non-tenure track faculty at colleges and universities?

USING HIGHER QUALITY INSTRUCTORS, BENEFITS DISCOUNTS, PERKS

How would you reverse the erosion of tenure-track faculty positions?

UNIVERSITIES WILL HAVE TO DECIDE

How would you address the expansion of online education in higher education?

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ACCESS TO TECH.

LABOR RIGHTS

<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you champion efforts to repeal existing "right-to-work" laws?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you champion legislation to restore collective bargaining rights stripped from the Public Employment Relations Act, including returning the ability to negotiate teacher evaluation procedures and PreK-12 payroll dues deduction?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you publicly affirm the importance of unions and urge employers not to interfere when workers are deciding whether to form or join a union?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you be willing to issue statements, write letters, and attend rallies supporting organizing campaigns to support the rights of workers to form a union?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you oppose legislation to further erode the collective bargaining rights of public sector employees?

JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you support raising the state's minimum wage to \$15 an hour?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you oppose state budget cuts that weaken the state's social safety net?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you support repealing the pension tax, restoring the homestead property tax credit and restoring tax deductions for children, charitable contributions, college tuition and adoption expenses?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you support paid sick day legislation?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you support creating a progressive income tax structure?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Do you support prevailing wage for construction work?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	How would you work to end pay discrimination against women and people of color?

GOOD GOVERNMENT

<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you support efforts to promote greater voter participation, including early and no reason absentee voting?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Would you support efforts to reform the redistricting process to eliminate partisan gerrymandering and bring fairness to the drawing of legislative and congressional district boundaries?