Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, Inc.
BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE SURVEY 2014

A candidate's position on life issues is important to pro-life voters. Whether sponsoring legislation, setting policy, or making public statements, the candidates we elect are crucial for promoting the sanctity of life. Please identify your positions on the following issues. After receipt of your completed survey, you may be contacted for clarification of your responses. Check that you have read and understand the following:

☐ Surveys may be submitted by mail, fax, email, or online. (Please refer to the cover letter for position specific links).
☐ Upon submission, this survey will be posted to our website and published in the CRTL News Bulletin as public information.
☐ We will redact your contact information before posting to our website.
☐ The completed survey is required for endorsement consideration.
☐ Surveys are due on or before March 3, 2014. Responses will not be published in the CRTL News Bulletin if received after this date.
☐ Direct questions to KByrne@CincinnatiRightToLife.org

Candidate Name (please print):
Mary M. Pritchard

Phone: Email:

Website:

Facebook URL:

Position and District Sought: State Board of Education/District 3

Are you an incumbent for this office? ☐ YES ☑ NO

Have you previously held an elected position? ☑ YES ☐ NO

Please specify: I just began my 17th year on the governing board of Butler County Educational Service; I have been president 3-4 years.

What endorsements have you received or are you seeking?
I have been contacted by several Republican Party & Civic Organizations.

List your top two educational priorities:
1. Education needs to be differentiated from schooling. Parents should be recognized as the primary educators and decision makers for their children, regardless of where “school” happens.
2. Decisions about education that take place at a school should be made locally w/ the expectation by everyone that parents must be actively involved for school to work.

The 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions in Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton did more than just “legalize” abortion-on-demand; they prohibited virtually any federal, state or local laws from protecting pre-born children from death by abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

1. Do you support reversal of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton?
   ☑ YES ☐ NO
   Comments: A child's life begins at conception.
2. Do you support federal and state legislation to ban abortion-on-demand from fertilization to birth?
   - YES
   - YES, with exceptions (please explain)
   - NO
   Comments:

3. Will you support a policy in the schools forbidding counselors, volunteers and any other school personnel to advocate, refer for, provide transport for, or counsel for abortion?
   - YES
   - NO
   Comments:

4. Do you support Ohio's parental notification and consent laws pertaining to abortions performed on minors?
   - YES
   - NO
   Comments: Baby killing baby? Bad idea!

5. Do you support and advocate schools' enforcement of Ohio statutes mandating reporting of known or suspected sexual abuse of minors?
   - YES
   - NO
   Comments:

6. Do you support policies prohibiting provision of hormonal contraceptives, including the Morning After Pill and any abortion-inducing medication such as RU-486, to students?
   - YES
   - NO
   Comments:

7. Do you oppose school/administration and student efforts to promote or condone homosexuality, sex outside of marriage, or reproductive "rights" in curriculum, classroom or extracurricular activities?
   - YES
   - NO
   Comments:
8. Do you support teachers' and students' rights of conscience to express their moral and religious convictions without repercussions?

- **YES**

Comments: Teachers are in a position of power. Their expression of convictions could be viewed as promoting an agenda. The big question becomes how do parents view that agenda? (see below)

9. Will you work to overturn any federal, state, or local mandates restricting teachers' and students' free speech rights, including pro-life and religious expression?

- **YES**
- **NO**

10. Do you oppose laws that require schools to offer gender-neutral features such as shared male-female restrooms and locker rooms, free access to same sex restrooms and locker rooms for allegedly transgender students, and combined male and female contact sports teams?

- **YES**
- **NO**

11. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.

Vineyard Community Church
Children of the America’s Host family for burn patient
Vietnam Vets
Butler County United Way
Artswave

(I am sorry to say I am not sure this list is complete)

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Yes. I do support students' rights to express conscientious moral and religious convictions. We must also fight to keep our expectations of respect for this right not to be abused by those in authority! Pushing an agenda contrary to the views of parents under the guise of freedom of speech is not acceptable.

(Please feel free to contact me if I can clarify my answer. I believe now more than ever parents need to be actively involved in who/what influences their children!)