

Watchmen Voter Guide for Coeur d'Alene School District - Zone 1
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	<u>Allie Anderton</u>	Lisa May
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Allie Anderton Candidate for Coeur d'Alene School Board Trustee, Zone 1 I want to help our district get back to the basics. We need to be focused on student academic achievement, which is severely lacking. I would like to see Cd'A Schools offer a thorough, classical academic education through teaching objective fact. Currently, we are failing to do this for a large portion of students. This along with fiscal mismanagement and complete lack of respect for parents' rights shown by the current board of trustees and top heavy district administration, motivated me to run for school board trustee.	Declined to Respond
2. How could your school district be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	Fiscal responsibility – I will advocate for a full forensic audit of the district to seek out any areas needing improvement. A 6.1 million dollar deficit leads me to believe this need to be seriously considered. A balanced budget and proper distribution of funds is necessary. Transparency – I will advocate for actionable ways for the community and parents to obtain and review curriculum easily and in advance. Lay out plainly all policy and request procedures. And consider all feedback from parents and community members who are welcome to become a part of the process. Communication – I would like to see regularly scheduled town hall style meetings in rotating gymnasiums throughout the district. I would also like to see a parent feedback form added to the district website, and dedicate someone to respond and follow-up on all feedback, good and bad.	Declined to Respond
3. What is your educational philosophy and how do you plan to implement this philosophy as a member of the board of trustees?	I believe in setting high and attainable standards for students in an environment that embraces their mistakes as teachable moments. Thus allowing students to feel comfortable to take chances and try new methods so they can develop the problem solving skills necessary to navigate challenges and become successful adults in a demanding world. I would seek and suggest implementing curriculum that supports this philosophy.	Declined to Respond
4. Do you support "Critical Race Theory," why or why not?	No. CRT is born from the framework of Marxism. It is a radical race based ideology that says that all are either oppressed or oppressors. It teaches to see people by their race, rather than by the content of their character. Noting concepts like white privilege, institutional, structural, and systemic racism, and an idea that America is inherently racist and built on slavery.	Declined to Respond

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5. Would you support adding diversity, equity, and inclusion to the school curriculum? Why or why not?	No. Diversity, equity, and inclusion IS CRT in practice. I do not support the indoctrination of our children.	Declined to Respond
6. What is your view on the growth of Charter Schools?	I think the growth of charter schools is encouraging. Anything offering parent's more choice and control in their children's education is a benefit.	Declined to Respond
7. Do you support the ability for employee unions to automatically deduct money from their members' paychecks to finance political activities, why or why not?	No. It should be a personal choice to donate to a political activity. Unions should be non partisan and neutral in the political realm. Politics don't belong in our schools unless we're teaching civics.	Declined to Respond
8. Do you support or oppose bathroom and locker room usage based on preferred gender identification? Why or why not?	I strongly oppose this idea. Schools should not be adding to the growing trend of gender confusion and dysphoria. Bathroom and locker room accessibility should be based on a person's physical genitalia, not identification.	Declined to Respond
9. How should counselors work with parents to resolve issues with their children?	There should be an open dialog between parent's and counselors involved with their children. There is a wide range of issues a counselor must face, and they must make their decisions on a case by case basis. There is not a one size fits all solution.	Declined to Respond
10. What is your opinion on students being able to receive an abortion without parental notification?	Absolutely no one under the age of 18 should ever be considered for an abortion or have access to such services with or without parental consent. All life should be valued and preserved.	Declined to Respond
11. Do you support the 1619 project? Why or why not?	No. It is misleading and has many factual errors. The 1619 project seek to rewrite the American story as a nation forged specifically on enslaving others. The 1619 project deliberately distorts history to serve current political issues.	Declined to Respond
12. In what circumstances should students be able to receive mental health assistance without parental notification?	Parents should always be at the forefront of their children's mental health discussions and attention. There are incidences that require for a counselor to provide mental health services without the consent and consultation of parent's. When a parent or parent's are found or legitimately thought to be the source of a child's needed mental health treatment, an outside source should be brought in to evaluate the needs of those children on a case by case basis.	Declined to Respond

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13. Who has the responsibility for the education of children?	Education starts at home. It is a parent’s role to be fully informed, involved, and engaged in what is being taught to their children whether it be at home or at school. It is a parent’s job to educate their own children in the areas of moral character, family values and virtues. It is the school system’s role to provide a thorough classical academic education through teaching objective fact.	Declined to Respond
14. What is the goal of education?	It is the goal of the public school system to provide a thorough classical academic education through teaching objective fact. Public schools should offer programs that get back to the basics of math, reading, writing, history, financial literacy, and an appreciation for the arts. Ultimately it is the role of the schools working together with the parents to send well adjusted students capable of turning challenges into triumphs into the world.	Declined to Respond
15. Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	No. I believe it has become the “gateway drug” for legalization of hard street drugs and narcotics, leading down a path of destruction.	Declined to Respond
16. What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I homeschooled two of my children for several years - I coached for many of the last 15 years through Parks and Recreation - I volunteered in my children’s classrooms for over 15 years - During those 15 years, I coordinated activities, supervised field trips, and facilitated communication with parents and teachers - I have bult a strong rapport with students, parents, and teachers - I have followed nearly every school board meeting for Cd’A schools for the last year and a half. - I possess the critical thinking skills necessary to understand educational studies, to reach logical conclusions to base my decisions from. 	Declined to Respond