

**Watchmen Voter Guide for Post Falls School District - Zone 5**

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	<a href="#">Jake Dawson</a>	<a href="#">David J. Reilly</a>
<b>1.</b> What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	My name is David J. Reilly, and I am running to become the zone 5 trustee for Post Falls School Board. I am running because I believe that our public education system has been broken because of the implementation of things like Common Core and Critical Race Theory. According to idahoschools.org, Post Falls school district only has a 44.9% “reading proficiency” which is absolutely unacceptable, and proof that these new curricula don’t work. As your trustee, I’m going to everything in my power to restore sanity to our school district, and make sure that parents regain control of their children’s education.
<b>2.</b> How could your school district be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	We will improve the Post Falls School District by removing any and all Common Core, Critical Race Theory, Social Emotional Learning and Diversity Equity & Inclusion programs and policies. These programs and policies which have all been implemented in the last 3 decades have demonstrably led to lower test scores, lower student proficiency, and generally demoralized students who have been subjected to these experimental programs.
<b>3.</b> What is your educational philosophy and how do you plan to implement this philosophy as a member of the board of trustees?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I believe that any kind of education whether public, or private, should be geared toward the perfection of a child’s intellect, will, and moral outlook, and it should provide the tools needed to participate in a civil society as a functional adult. Reading, writing, mathematics, history, life skills and the ability to think critically are the bare bones of a well-rounded education, and this school district, under the supervision of the board, will supply students with everything they need to pursue a path of their choosing upon graduation.
<b>4.</b> Do you support “Critical Race Theory,” why or why not?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I do not support Critical Race Theory because it teaches students to hold one another in derision based on their race. Curriculum based on CRT teaches students to view White children with contempt, for certain perceived wrongs, while at the same time teaching non-White students that they should not even try to excel in the classroom because they will be “held down,” regardless of their individual effort, by a fictitious “White supremacist society.” The educational atmosphere created by these programs hinders students ability to excel in the classroom. CRT has no place in our Post Falls classrooms, and as your representative I will ensure that these divisive political ideologies will not be taught in our schools.
<b>5.</b> Would you support adding diversity, equity, and inclusion to the school curriculum? Why or why not?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	No, I do not support adding DEI to our curriculum. These programs (DEI, CRT, and SEL) all flow from the same Marxist theorists, towards the same goal of eroding Christian values and fomenting division among Americans. These programs warp the worldview of our children and have no place in public education.

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<b>6.</b> What is your view on the growth of Charter Schools?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	My purpose in running for school board is to elevate our public school system to the point where parents would not feel the need to send their children to private charter schools.
<b>7.</b> Do you support the ability for employee unions to automatically deduct money from their members' paychecks to finance political activities, why or why not?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I do not support the ability for employee unions to automatically deduct money from their members' paychecks to finance political activities, because the teachers unions are essentially corrupt, and this policy forces even conservative teachers to subsidize left-wing political action.
<b>8.</b> Do you support or oppose bathroom and locker room usage based on preferred gender identification? Why or why not?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I oppose bathroom and locker room usage based on "preferred gender identities." Biological males should use the boys locker room, and biological females should use the girls locker room.
<b>9.</b> How should counselors work with parents to resolve issues with their children?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	That would depend on what "issues" need to be resolved. As far as I'm concerned the parent is the ultimate counselor of their child. Any counselor working for the school district is there to work for the parents, and they should not go against the wishes of the parents.
<b>10.</b> What is your opinion on students being able to receive an abortion without parental notification?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Abortion is a sin that cries to heaven for vengeance, and the public school system should have absolutely nothing to do with encouraging or procuring abortions.
<b>11.</b> Do you support the 1619 project? Why or why not?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I am unequivocally opposed to the 1619 project, because it is a divisive and racially charged project designed to distract and divide students and based on the color of their skin.
<b>12.</b> In what circumstances should students be able to receive mental health assistance without parental notification?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Never.

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<b>13.</b> Who has the responsibility for the education of children?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Parents have the primary responsibility for the education of their children. While parents may delegate the responsibility of educating their children to a public or private school, that responsibility is essentially theirs, and cannot be taken away by the public education system or the teachers unions. As your trustee, it is my duty to make sure that parents voices are heard and acted upon by the Post Falls School District.
<b>14.</b> What is the goal of education?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	The goal of education is to teach children the fundamentals of reading, writing, math, science, history and critical thinking skills so that as an adult they can lead successful lives, get married and contribute to society in a positive way.
<b>15.</b> Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I oppose the legalization of marijuana because every single city and state that has legalized it has turned into a terrible place to live and raise children. Marijuana is being advertised to our children as being “safe,” “fun,” and “harmless,” when in reality, it retards children’s ability to understand reality, learn, and grow in virtue.
<b>16.</b> What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	In 2016 I became a board member of the Berwick Anti-Drug Alliance, a non-profit institute dedicated to helping raise awareness of the opiate epidemic in Pennsylvania, where I organized and spoke at various functions, as well as interfaced with local elected officials, law enforcement, and the media in an effort to stem the rising tide of drug abuse, and its consequences in Central Pennsylvania. In 2017, I was appointed to the External Relations committee for Downtown Bloomsburg Inc., and later became a member of the board of directors. Downtown Bloomsburg Inc. is a non-profit intended to bring together “community interests and resources to promote the economic vitality, architectural heritage, and cultural vibrancy of the Downtown commercial district for the benefit of greater Bloomsburg.” Additionally, I served as a board member of the Bloomsburg Rotary Club, later becoming Vocational Service Director Chairman. I am also an Eagle Scout, a member of the Holy Name Society at Immaculate Conception Church, and a member of both the Pachyderm Club and the Reagan Republicans.