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Getting to Know You

This next section will give you the opportunity to provide details about who you are as a person, candidate, and member of the community.

Tell us about yourself.

With a commitment to refocus public education on academic achievement, Chad Magendanz has announced his 2024 bid for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

During his two terms in the House of Representatives as ranking member of the House Education Committee, Magendanz is recognized as a lead negotiator for the McCleary school funding remedy that doubled state funding for public schools over eight years. He served as co-chair of the McCleary oversight committee and member of the Governor's Work Group on Education Funding, the Education Funding Task Force, the Education Accountability System Oversight Committee, and the Quality Education Council. He also prime sponsored the charter schools fix in the House, which was ratified by the Supreme Court along with the McCleary remedy in 2018.

Previously, Chad served as the Issaquah School Board president and in

leading roles of other regional and statewide education-related committees and boards. Since 2019 he's been employed as a full-time computer science teacher in the Bellevue School District and has earned endorsements in Computer Science and Technology Education, along with current teaching certificates for those subjects in two other states.

Chad has a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Cornell and a Master of Arts in Teaching from Central Washington University. He served in the U.S. Navy for 12 years as a nuclear submarine officer and then worked at Microsoft for over 20 years in various roles. He and his wife of 35 years reside on Tiger Mountain and have two boys who recently graduated with computer science degrees from MIT and the University of Utah.

The Seattle Times endorsed Chad in all his previous House races, recognizing that he "has deep knowledge of Washington's education system and has been successful at working across the aisle to build coalitions." The Municipal League of King County has also consistently rated Chad "Outstanding" in all their candidate evaluations.

List any relevant experience, leadership, or service.

Ranking member of House Education for two terms (co-chair of the McCleary oversight committee and member of the Governor's Work Group on Education Funding, the Education Funding Task Force, the Education Accountability System Oversight Committee, and the Quality Education Council)

President of Issaquah School Board (15th largest in WA)

Full-time teacher in Bellevue School District since 2019

Master of Arts in Teaching, certified with endorsements in Computer Science and Technology Education. (Also in ID & FL)

Served in the U.S. Navy for 12 years as a nuclear submarine officer and then worked at Microsoft for over 20 years

Describe your duty to the office you are running for and how you will achieve success.

I have a proven track record with negotiating public education policy at all levels and have witnessed in the classroom first-hand the impact of disastrous policies since leaving the legislature. I've also never received anything less than an OUTSTANDING rating from the Municipal League of King County and the Seattle Times has endorsed all my past House races. Testimonials follow:

"Magendanz's experience and grasp of the issues remains sharp and forward-looking. His proven record of independent thinking, working across the aisle, and well respected work on the McCleary bill put him in the best position to make needed reforms to truly bring equity to all Washington schools." - The Seattle Times 10/14/2022

"Magendanz has deep knowledge of Washington's education system and has been successful at working across the aisle to build coalitions. ... Magendanz's deep experience and leadership in education policy makes him the clear choice." - The Seattle Times 10/20/2018

"He's quickly proven to be one of the clearest thinkers in the Legislature, particularly on education and transportation." - The Seattle Times 8/22/2014

What does success look like for this position and what key performance indicators should voters use to evaluate you?

I will refocus our schools on academic achievement, career skills and basic civics. I'll roll back unconstitutional policies that keep secrets from parents, strengthen oversight on districts to promote fiscal responsibility and community values, and enforce fiscal policy and truancy laws that have been neglected over the past decade. I will challenge the constitutionality of new state statutes that infringe on parental rights, such as the Mature Minor doctrine, and ensure the rulemaking process is faithful to legislative intent and our state and federal constitution. My success can be measured by national assessment scores, which have been on the decline for the past decade despite record investments in state funding from the McCleary remedy. You should also see increases in statewide enrollment, as districts are directed to create schools that are inclusive to conservative and religious families in the same way we've made efforts to welcome those of different races and ethnicities.

What community activities are you engaged in? Have you held leadership roles in any of these organizations?

Elected as Issaquah School Board President in 2011
Elected as School Board Legislative Representative in 2009
Elected to WSSDA Legislative Committee in 2009 & 2011
Appointed NSBA Legislative Coordinator for Congressional District 8
Appointed to Washington Online Learning Advisory Committee
Eastside Education Network - Treasurer and Executive Board Member
Washington State PTA - 2009 Outstanding Advocate and Online Learning Advisory Committee Rep
American Legion Post 79 - Judge Advocate and Executive Board Member
Kiwanis Club of Issaquah - Treasurer and Executive Board Member
2011 graduate of the Jennifer Dunn Leadership Institute
2017-19 TEALS volunteer computer science instructor

Your Political Beliefs

This section contains a series of questions about your alignment concerning broad governmental philosophies as well as some specific issues.

Where do our rights as citizens of the United States come from? Under what conditions can government infringe or suspend them?

Locke wrote that all individuals are equal in the sense that they are born with certain "inalienable" natural rights. That is, rights that are God-given and can never be taken or even given away. Among these fundamental natural rights, Locke said, are "life, liberty, and property." These are affirmed in our federal and state constitutions, and can only be infringed by amending those documents.

Do you consider yourself a constitutional originalist or do you prescribe to it as a living document? Please explain.

I am a constitutional originalist. We have a process for amending the constitution, and that process can't be circumvented by judges creatively reinterpreting it and redefining terms. Constitutional text ought to be given the original public meaning that it would have had at the time that it became law.

What is the purpose of government? If elected, how will you perform your duties based on that "purpose?"

As documented in the US Constitution, the purpose of the United States government is to:

- Form a more perfect union.
- Establish justice.
- Ensure domestic tranquility.
- Provide for the common defense.
- Promote the general welfare.
- Secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity

I will perform my duties as Superintendent of Public Schools to promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty by ensuring Washington students have the academic and career skills they need to realize their full potential while contributing to our economy and the education in civics to be thoughtful

participants in our constitutional republic.

When does life begin and at what point does the government have a duty to protect it?

Life begins at conception and in Washington state the voters have decided that government has a duty to protect it after fetal viability.

Do you have any criminal convictions, ever filed for bankruptcy, have any active or unresolved tax liens, any conflicts of interest that may jeopardize your candidacy?

No. My Candidate Verification background check report is here:

<http://public.magendanz.com/campaign/Questionnaires/Magendanz%20CV%20ORG.pdf>

Describe how you will make yourself available to your constituents and vote as their representative, adhering to the values and answers you've provided in this questionnaire.

I was readily available to constituents on the school board and state legislature, and will continue to be just as accessible as Superintendent of Public Instruction. The phone number and email address on my campaign literature goes directly to me.

Please provide any feedback, comments, or questions that you have for the SCRCC.

I know that during the state convention many delegates will be focusing on purity tests instead of electability. I would encourage you to consider which candidate can actually win in November, making Republicans once again relevant in this state. While I don't always agree with The Seattle Times, they've accused the incumbent of "cheerleading mediocrity" and called him "the guy who high-fives kids plodding along in the slow lane and assures everyone that all is well." There's an opportunity to win this non-partisan statewide race that holds the purse strings for half the state budget and sets policy for all 295 school districts and over a million students, but it won't be won by partisan rhetoric. Not only do I have the strongest resume, but I've been reelected with an 18-point margin in King County, and even when I've come up short I've beaten President Trump by 15 points, earned more King County votes than any other Republican legislative candidate, and beaten the Republican congressional candidate in all precincts. Objectively, I'm the highest performing Republican in King County, and the one most likely to get the needed 35-40% to win a statewide race.

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