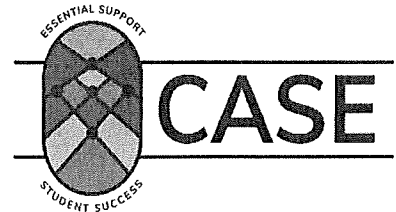


2026

**Carroll County Commissioner
Candidate Questionnaire**



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I confirm that the responses provided here are my official positions in seeking local office and I understand that CCEA and CASE intend to share my responses with members and interested parties through our public website.

SIGNATURE: Dennis Frazier

DATE SUBMITTED: 2/4/26

Candidates: To be considered for a recommendation, you must indicate your response to each of the questions. Clarifications, explanations, and other information may be attached, but please clearly indicate the question(s) to which you refer.

Please return your completed and signed questionnaire no later than February 24, 2026 to Nathan Curtis at ncurtis@mseanea.org or to our office at 60 Aileron Court, Suite 6, Westminster, MD 21157.

Getting to Know You

- 1. Please share a brief bio for us to know you better. Be sure to include how long you've lived in Carroll County, whether you have/had children or other family members in Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS), and other ways in which you are involved in our community.**

Married to Debbie for 46 years, two grown children Christopher and Sarah, one grandchild Laney. My wife and daughter both work as IA,s for Carroll County schools. My work experience includes 41 years as a teacher. I taught in both public and private schools. I was also a councilman for the city of Westminster as well as a County Commissioner for 8 years. My public service includes being a member of the tree commission ,the parks board and a planning and zoning commissioner for the city of Westminster.

- 2. What are the top three things you would like to accomplish in the next four years if you are elected to the Carroll County Board of Commissioners?**

Make it easier for business to locate to Carroll County. I worked on streamlining the process before but, more needs to be done. We need to fine and develop more water sources in Carroll. Fine more affordable housing. We need housing that first time home buyers can afford, as well as housing for seniors to downsize to.

- 3. What is your view of the current local tax structure? What, if any, changes would you advocate for?**

I would like to see the state take on a larger share of funding in Carroll

Education Funding

- 4. Please provide your thoughts on how the county should address the consistent budget shortfall of the Carroll County Public School system. Detail how you would prioritize funding for public education in your budget deliberations.**

I have always pushed for additional funding for the school system. I believe we are in a place now that the school needs to audit how the money is being used, and let the public see it. I think the state has to step in and offer more funding for the programs they are asking the county to implement.

- 5. What specific ideas or strategies would you pursue to increase revenue or identify new funding sources for Carroll County Public Schools? How would you ensure that any additional resources directly support students, educators, and the overall quality of education in the district?**

We need more business in Carroll to bring in more tax dollars. The board of commissioners can say they want additional funds to support the students and educators but, the BOE has the final say.

6. Do you support or oppose Maryland's updated maintenance of effort law that requires local jurisdictions to fund the local share of all wealth-equalized formulas, instead of only the foundation formula?

_____ Support

__√__ Oppose

Comments/Explanation:

Public Funding for Private Schools

7. What is your position on providing public funding for students who are homeschooled or attend private schools?

_____ Support

__√__ Oppose

Comments/Explanation:

Collective Bargaining

8. What is your position on the right of public education employees to engage in collective bargaining?

__√__ Support

_____ Oppose

Comments/Explanation:

9. Would you commit, as a Commissioner, to funding collective bargaining agreements that were negotiated and ratified by the Carroll County Board of Education and its bargaining units?

__√__ Support

_____ Oppose

Comments/Explanation: If we can afford them.

Community Supports

10. Safe and affordable housing is necessary for all students to be able to succeed in school. In addition, many of our public service employees are currently unable to afford housing in Carroll County. What is your position on affordable housing and how it relates to education?

WE need more affordable housing. how can you expect a child to learn when they are worried about where they will sleep. Shelter and food come before education for children.

Racial and Social Justice

11. Do you support honesty in education? Do you believe educators should have professional autonomy and be afforded the deference to teach the truth in their classrooms and schools?

Let the teachers teach. We put highly trained people in front of children and then tie their hands. Give the teachers the freedom to teach what and how they believe will benefit their students best.

An example of approved Carroll County curriculum is the true story of Townsend Cook, who was lynched in Westminster in 1885. Some parents have expressed concern over the lesson, viewing the material as divisive and controversial.

12. Would you, as a County Commissioner, defend and support that teacher's right to teach students this true story as part of the approved Carroll County curriculum?

Support

Oppose

Comments/Explanation:

13. How will you support and promote justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion for all students throughout the county? What specific policies or initiatives do you support that provide equitable access, opportunities, resources, and support for every student?

The school system has to make sure they have the best staff possible to work with our students. That staff has to be supported by the administration in each school. The admin. needs to know they can change what they are doing in their schools if it will befit their students

Parental Involvement and Public Support

14. What would you do to strengthen public support for our public schools and educators?

Show all the great things that are happening in our schools.

In the spring of 2025, CCEA collaborated with CCPS, the County Commissioners, and the Carroll County Delegation to advocate for a waiver from the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB). This is a concrete example of bipartisan efforts to do what is best for Carroll County students.

15. If elected to the Board of Commissioners, how would you collaborate with the Carroll County Educators Association (CCEA), the Carroll Association of School Employees (CASE), and the Association of Public School Administrators and Supervisors of Carroll County (APSASCCO) if elected to the Board of Commissioners?

yes

Privatization

16. Are you in favor of contracting out custodial, cafeteria, Speech and Language Pathologists, and maintenance services rather than having those services provided by Board of Education employees?

_____ Support

______ Oppose

Comments/Explanation:

Thank you for taking the time to address the questions above.

