



<p><b>Jay Kleberg</b> Neutral</p>	<p>From website - "FUND OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE AND SUPPORT OUR VETERANS: The Texas General Land Office manages Texas 13 million acres of public lands to provide funding to serve Texas schoolchildren and veterans. While royalties from oil and gas leases are a critical revenue stream, the General Land Office must champion a diversified portfolio of renewable energy such as wind, geothermal and offshore hydroelectric production. A diversified portfolio will position the General Land Office to keep its promises to Texas veterans and their families for the long term." Survey responses: WHAT IS BROKENT Generally, I would hesitate to use the term "broken". That said, it is clear that our public schools need more resources. Our children are the future of our state, and a quality education begins with proper, long-term funding and resources. I am supportive of policies that promote teacher retention, leverage the state-mandated testing system, and provide our educators with the resources they need to ensure our children are getting the best education possible. By supporting and fully funding our public education system, we are ultimately ensuring the best future for generations to come. PROTECTING PUBLIC EDUCATION: In recent years, this office and its combination to the Texas Permanent School Fund have been used as a political chess piece. I have no intention of doing that. The Permanent School Fund has sent less money to public schools than it did a decade ago, depriving our public schools of \$700M of funding they would have received in 2018 alone. In that same year, the GLO chose to send \$91 to the Permanent School Fund, bypassing the land managed by the State Board of Education and cutting roughly \$300 million meant for public schools to spend on textbooks. I would push not only to allocate the full amount annually to the Permanent School Fund, but explore legislative options to increase the limit on how much the GLO could contribute annually. ROLE OF OFFICE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION: While the GLO does not impact education policy, it can contribute up to \$600M annually to the Texas Permanent School Fund, which funds public elementary and secondary education in the state. If elected, I will fight to allocate the full \$600M annually to the Permanent School Fund to ensure adequate funding for our already strained public education system. The GLO can also serve as a platform to engage and educate schoolchildren and the public about the importance of natural resource conservation and responsible land management. I'd work to continue providing environmental education resources through the GLO to ensure that future generations have the necessary tools to learn about our land and the threat of climate change to our state. ENSURING FUNDING: I would advocate to diversify the General Land Office's energy portfolio. This would not only reduce the state's carbon footprint and strengthen our energy grid, but would also provide a long-term, reliable source of revenue for the GLO, which would provide the necessary funding to contribute the entire \$600M annually to the Permanent School Fund for years to come. AREAS OF CONCERN: A primary concern that I have heard from many parents, and one that I share, is getting our children back to school in a safe way. The patchwork of public health policies and inconsistent, unclear actions have created a situation where parents and teachers are frustrated by returning to full in-person operation safely. While this is not an issue directly under the purview of the GLO, I would encourage state leaders to take the actions that they are taking that are putting our children's safety. Another concern is teacher shortages. Between the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, low pay, and burdensome state interference, we have seen a mass exodus of experienced teachers and a decline in new teachers entering the workforce. Again, this issue is not under the purview of the GLO, but I am supportive of increasing teacher pay and benefits to attract and retain educators. Additionally, while the Texas Legislature took dramatic steps in public school finance reform in the 80th Session, there is still work to be done. I am supportive of exploring possible configurations of the funding formula for our public schools to ensure equitable spending per pupil across the state and consistent educational outcomes for all Texas children. REPRESENTING ALL CONSTITUENTS: From my upbringing on a working ranch in south Texas to my career in land conservation, I have worked with Texans from all walks of life, and will continue to do so as elected. I welcome input from all constituents or potential future constituents. The way I see it, if I am representing you in public office, I want to hear your thoughts and concerns, whether we agree or disagree. IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL CONTROL: Too often today, we see our school board elections become overly politicized to the point that they take sight of their initial purpose - to determine who best can serve our children and our schools. I believe the most important resources in gaining information about Texas education are non-partisan resources that fairly portray the current state of our public education system without bias. I am a firm believer in the importance of local control. Growing up in Texas and traveling to all corners of this state, I know that takes a different connotation here different concerns. We know that policies enacted by local leaders have a much more direct impact on Texans' everyday lives. WHERE DO YOU SEE TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION IN 25 YEARS? I hope to see Texas as a leader in public education in 25 years, but we can only achieve that goal through consistent investments in our education system. This investment must include pre-K-12 public education, trade schools, community colleges, junior colleges, four-year colleges and universities, and graduate level programs as well. By fully funding these public education programs, Texas can become a leader in public education and produce a workforce that will maintain our state's prosperity and allow Texas to meet the demands of a 21st century economy. USING POWER OF OFFICE TO IMPROVE PUBLIC EDUCATION: While I would not be able to affect public education from the policy side, if elected, I will always advocate to contribute the full \$600M to the Permanent School Fund annually. To ensure a long-term source of funding for this contribution, I would work to diversify the state's energy portfolio. In the fall of 2019, the GLO reported that it had generated more than \$1B in revenue from state lands. The entirety of those funds should support our chronically underfunded K-12 public school system that takes 35% in the nation. ROLE OF TESTING IN PROMOTING INNOVATION: Evaluating our testing system suggests that testing used today is "standardized" is unfortunately not inclusive and emphasizes on tests that fail to provide needed diagnostic information for the success of our students, often to their own detriment. I am supportive of testing that takes a more holistic approach and measures learning over a feasible period of time. I also believe that we should seek input from our teaching professionals to ensure we develop a testing system that truly serves our students. ROLE OF TESTING IN SCHOOL/TEACHER EVALUATIONS: Similarity to the effectiveness of our testing system in evaluating our students, our current testing system does not always accurately reflect the capabilities of our teachers and our schools. We must seek out input from our education professionals to ensure we develop a system that balances student success and accountability yet still serves our teachers and our students. Right now, our state-mandated test system does not achieve this goal. ROLE OF CHARTERS: While this specific issue is not under the purview of the General Land Office, I personally believe that public funds should stay in our public schools. We already fail to adequately fund many Texas public schools, so any efforts to further strip funding, whether labeled "vouchers," "scholarships," or something else, should be halted.</p>
<p><b>Attorney General</b></p>	<p>Did not respond to T4PE survey. Nothing on website about education. Suing school districts who put into place a mask mandate. From FB, 2/8/14: "Parents - NOT government bureaucrats - should have the final say in a child's education!" From FB, 12/13/21: "Targeting parents for voicing their concerns about their kids' schools is un-American. I stand by these patriots (names redacted) in their fight against retaliation by their board member colleagues. I will always defend the Texas Open Meetings Act. No rogue school board can change that." From FB, 2/22/18: "Schools should encourage voting, they should not encourage you who to vote for. When they cross that line, as some schools have done, they undermine the very foundation of what makes voting worthwhile." From FB, 5/21/21: "Critical Race Theory, 1619 Project &amp; all their Marxist cousins are racist &amp; totally un-American. I'm proud to join my state AG colleagues in one letter, with TPPF &amp; A Policy in another expressing our disgust with Biden's plan to indoctrinate our kids with this left-wing propaganda." In 2013, as a Senator, sponsored a school voucher bill.</p>
<p><b>Ken Paxton</b> Unlabeled</p>	<p>Nothing on website about education. Survey responses: WHAT IS BROKENT? I would argue that support structure for public education to thrive are broken. Our state and many others across the country have been putting in place that undermine public education. In Texas, we've seen this in the form of tax abatement for corporations that force school districts to provide services, current funding of charter schools, and the way and means to measuring retention for public school teachers and a product of a public high school magnet program in the Rio Grande Valley. I value and support public education, and will continue to do so as the next Texas Attorney General. PROGRESS: As the Texas Attorney General, I will always defend the Texas Open Meetings Act. No rogue school board can change that. From FB, 2/22/18: "Schools should encourage voting, they should not encourage you who to vote for. When they cross that line, as some schools have done, they undermine the very foundation of what makes voting worthwhile." From FB, 5/21/21: "Critical Race Theory, 1619 Project &amp; all their Marxist cousins are racist &amp; totally un-American. I'm proud to join my state AG colleagues in one letter, with TPPF &amp; A Policy in another expressing our disgust with Biden's plan to indoctrinate our kids with this left-wing propaganda." In 2013, as a Senator, sponsored a school voucher bill.</p>
<p><b>Rochelle Garza</b> Neutral 2022 - Sen. Carol Alvarado, Rep. Vikki Goodwin, Rep. Victoria Neave</p>	<p>Nothing on website about education. Survey responses: WHAT IS BROKENT? I would argue that support structure for public education to thrive are broken. Our state and many others across the country have been putting in place that undermine public education. In Texas, we've seen this in the form of tax abatement for corporations that force school districts to provide services, current funding of charter schools, and the way and means to measuring retention for public school teachers and a product of a public high school magnet program in the Rio Grande Valley. I value and support public education, and will continue to do so as the next Texas Attorney General. PROGRESS: As the Texas Attorney General, I will always defend the Texas Open Meetings Act. No rogue school board can change that. From FB, 2/22/18: "Schools should encourage voting, they should not encourage you who to vote for. When they cross that line, as some schools have done, they undermine the very foundation of what makes voting worthwhile." From FB, 5/21/21: "Critical Race Theory, 1619 Project &amp; all their Marxist cousins are racist &amp; totally un-American. I'm proud to join my state AG colleagues in one letter, with TPPF &amp; A Policy in another expressing our disgust with Biden's plan to indoctrinate our kids with this left-wing propaganda." In 2013, as a Senator, sponsored a school voucher bill.</p>
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