

2009 SPPACE QUESTIONNAIRE

Vivian Mitchell CMS Board of Education – District 3

1. What are the top three issues facing our school district? How would you propose to tackle these issues?

1. Issue: Increase Academic Achieve

Proposal: Recruit and retain Quality leadership administrators, principals, teachers, support staff, Teacher assistances.

2. Issue: Decease the district drop rate.

Proposal: Asking mentors from churches, private sector, non-profit organizations to increase their volunteer services with the schools. The kids could be in a reality program to demonstrate how dropping out has impacted their lives. If each one teaches one then we can make a difference in their future.

3. Issue: Bridging the partnership and communication gap between the school board and the community.

Proposal: Attend PTA Meetings, Community organization, private and public sector, Friends of Parent University, colleges and university, early education sectors.

2. Why are so many students (especially low-income and minority youth) failing state exams and dropping out, and what can Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools do to change that?

It is the way parents and students are treated by the school system. Are you here to help, encourage, support me, and do what is necessary to education all students? We need educational reforms that refocus on what teaching.

3. How do you believe Mecklenburg County should fund school capital costs, parks, roads, transit, police and fire protection needs for the County? Should purchasers of new homes be responsible for funding these services for the entire County? Do you believe that these types of proposals are a fair way to pay for required services to existing taxpayers?

Do you believe that these type proposals are a fair way to pay a require system to existing taxpayers? I believe the developer should play a road as well for all above. We should all play an active role.

4. **What would you propose to do to reduce expenses in line with the reduced funding from the state?**

I would replace some services with contractors. I would also review top heavy positions and reduce duplications.

5. **Would you support the use of an accounting system that tracks per-pupil/per-school expenses and student performance at the individual school level for comparative purposes?**

I need more information about the accounting system and the cost involved and how this would impact our current accounting system.

6. **What are your suggestions for innovative new funding sources for school capital projects?**

I suggestion we go to high profile individual for funding.

7. **What suggestions do you have that would reduce transportation costs for the District? Do you support allowing older children to use public transportation to get to and from school?**

Start making our own oil for transportation vehicles. Due to the high drop out rates, we should be doing more to assure our children obtain a quality education. In addition I do support older children use of the transportation system.

8. **If elected, how do you view your role as School Board Member?**

I see my role and a community service leader and a voice for the students.