

# 2009 SPPACE QUESTIONNAIRE

## W.L. (Pop) Woodard 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?**

Literacy, vocational training, and parental involvement

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?**

Improve the foundation of reading in the formative years.

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?**

This is a hot button issue and in no way should new folks pay for the entire county.

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

Reduce transportation costs and provide more frugal lunches.

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?**

Need to see cost first but generally yes.

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

Look to the public policy schools for the latest research on best practices.

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?**

a) they started this year with reducing miles traveled by most students. b) no.

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

- Listen to constituents in District 3
- Hold administration accountable
- Budget, new schools, review sufficiency of graduation requirements
- Approve/disapprove/improve superintendent's recommendations.