**Candidate Questions for the Texas Legislature**

*(Questions may be modified, deleted, or inserted to meet the needs of your district)*

**Presented by (PTA)**

**Forum Date: mm/dd/yyyy, (time 00:00)**

**Location: Auditorium at (School)**

1. What changes should be made to the current tax structure to more adequately fund public schools?
2. What is your position on vouchers? Please explain.
3. Would you support decreasing the growing number of unfunded mandates, and if so, which ones?
4. Do you support a state-mandated school start date, and if so, when and why?
5. What is your position on charter schools and their accountability?
6. When do you think school boards should hold their trustee elections and should it be mandated?
7. How can the state legislature assist the fast-growing school districts in the area and also the school districts which are experiencing declining enrollment?
8. What programs could be considered to encourage more graduates to attend college and major in education — increasing the number of teachers?
9. What is your view of home school, private school, and charter school students participating in UIL activities?
10. What steps can the state legislature take to assist districts with teacher retention?
11. Do you support the Every Child Succeeds Act? Why or why not?
12. What one thing could the state legislature do to ensure the success of every student?
13. If you wanted advice on proposed legislation regarding education or school finance, who would you ask and why?
14. In your opinion, how important is parent involvement to student success?
15. What percentage of public school funding should be provided by the state? Please explain.

**Candidates:** All 15 of these questions will be put into a bowl. Altogether, 10 of the questions will ultimately be asked. A candidate will pull a question from the bowl and will have 2 minutes to respond. Another candidate(s) may then make a 1-minute secondary response. Each candidate will ultimately be pulling 3 questions from the bowl and each candidate will be limited to 3 secondary responses.

**(Questions should be mailed to candidates about 10 days before the forum.)**