Candidate Statement Office Descriptions

Superintendent of Public Instruction

- As the state's chief of public schools, provides education policy direction to local school districts, and works with the education community to improve academic performance.
- Heads the Department of Education and carries out policies set by the State Board of Education.
- Serves as an ex-officio member of governing boards of the state's higher education system.
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- A maximum of 250 words may be used. Word count standards shall be pursuant to Elections Code section 9.
- The statement may not make reference to any other candidate.
- The statement must be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications.
- All statements should be typewritten, double-spaced, and in standard paragraph style. Do not use bullets, tables, lists, or other material requiring indentation.
- Words that are underlined, in italics, or in bold, will be typeset in italics. Statements that are entirely in upper-case letters will be typeset in italics.
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Candidate's Name: Tony Thurmond

Political Party Preference: Democratic

The following optional information will appear with your candidate statement (this information is not included in the 250 word count):

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*Please list your political party preference as it is reflected on your current affidavit of registration. If you are not registered with a qualified political party, your political party preference will be indicated in the Voter Information Guide as “No Qualified Party Preference.”
California students have experienced tough times these last few years. As your State Superintendent, I led efforts to steer our schools through the pandemic, including securing one million computers and billions in funding to close the Internet gap, and to provide resources to keep our schools open and our students safe.

As we work to overcome the challenges that students have faced during the pandemic, I am proud to have secured new resources to help our students heal and recover. This includes funding to hire 10,000 mental health clinicians, pre-school slots for every 4-year-old, and free school meals for every hungry student.

As a public school parent who has spent 14 years teaching life skills and civics, running after-school and mental health programs and advocating for students, I’m committed to partnering with parents to guide the educational needs of our students.

I am leading efforts to make sure students thrive, including ensuring all students learn to read by third grade and providing computer science training and dual language immersion opportunities.

I will stand up to those who seek to privatize public education and to those who attack LGBTQ youth, students of color, and low-income youth. I will work to address inequities in education and ensure that all students receive a first-rate education and a chance at a great life.

I am honored to be endorsed by California’s teachers, nurses, and firefighters, along with the California Democratic Party, Planned Parenthood, Equality California, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and Senator Alex Padilla. I would be honored to have your vote this November.
November 8, 2022, General Election
Statewide Office Candidate Contact Information Form

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Candidate's Name: Lance R Christensen

Political Party Preference*: Nonpartisan

The following optional information will appear with your candidate statement (this information is not included in the 250 word count):

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SUBJECT TO COURT ORDERED CHANGES
California public schools are failing by every measure. Our children are ill-prepared for the 21st Century economy despite spending $23,893 per public school student this year.

California ranks 50th in literacy. Eighth graders are doing fifth-grade math. During the lockdowns, California schools remained closed longer than any other state, and almost 300,000 students left our public schools.

Entrenched special interests disregard parents while prioritizing failed teaching fads and embracing radical curricula. This must stop.

As a father of 5, a former teacher, an education policy executive, and a drafter of the school choice initiative, I'll take my two decades of policy, legislative, and budgetary experience and add parents into the education equation. I'll demand excellence from our local school districts and push for education reforms benefiting students, not special interests.

We must protect our children in the classroom. I'll prioritize safe schools.

I would be honored to earn your vote as the next Superintendent of Public Instruction. I am committed to remaking California education the envy of the world.