



**Questions for Candidates for Harris County Dept. of Education Trustee
Conservative Coalition of Harris County**

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Candidate Name	Position for which Candidate is Running
Donald Sumners	Harris County Dept of Education Trustee, Position 7

Please give your answer to each of the following questions and please include your rationale with each answer. Please be concise and clear.

- Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate for the office you are running.
Answer: Current incumbent, CPA, 28 years experience in government
- Please describe what you believe are the most significant issues in this race and why.
Answer: Hold on to seat while Dept is under democrat control
- If you are elected, what do you hope to accomplish while serving as a Harris Dept. Education Trustee?
Answer: Continue to push for transparency and accountability
- What good things are happening in the district and should be enhanced or continued?
Answer: Any good things are overwhelmed by bad administration decisions and waste
- What ideas do you have for Harris County Dept. of Education to reduce expenditures?
Answer: Continue to fight against wasteful and irrational spending at all levels.
- As a Harris County Dept. of Education Trustee would you approve the operation of revenue producing businesses that compete with privately owned companies?
Answer: Only one is records storage, which is losing money at present
- As a Harris County Dept. of Education Trustee would you approve providing services outside Harris County?
Answer: Only in limited circumstances where it reduces costs of Department

8. As a Harris County Dept. of Education Trustee, if you find that current county services can be provided to local school districts by non-profits, would you be willing to vote to abolish your position and stop the collection of the added countywide education property tax?
Answer: Not sure what services could be provided by non-profits. Liability is big consideration.
9. Do you think the state legislature should pass legislation to consolidate the Harris County Department of Education system into the existing local ISDs within Harris County? If not, why is the Harris County Department of Education system needed anymore?
Answer: Legislation should allow voters to abolish Department. ISDs would have to provide these services for themselves, no consolidation necessary
10. Please list any other information or comments that you deem are important to this race.
Answer: At this time, any legislation is unlikely to pass in House

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