



2026 Board of County Commissioners Candidate Questionnaire

CANDIDATE: Roy H. Alvey

OFFICE SOUGHT: County Commissioner President

CAMPAIGN ADDRESS:

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CAMPAIGN WEBSITE: none

I confirm that the responses provided here are my official positions in seeking local office and I understand that EASMC reserves the right to share my responses with members and interested parties.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE: DATE SUBMITTED: Roy H. Alvey

Candidates: To be considered for a recommendation, you must indicate your response to each of the questions. You may use more space than is provided to elaborate on your answers and provide clarification, explanation, and other context, but please be certain to clearly indicate the questions(s) to which you refer. Please return your completed and signed questionnaire to EASMC.

Education Funding and Local Budgets:

1. Do you commit to prioritizing public education funding in future county budgets? What are your top three budget priorities for the public school system? Yes 1. Safe schools for all students. 2. Hire the best teachers for our students. 3. Competitive pay and benefits for all school employees.

2. How do you plan to fund public school priorities? What are your thoughts on the current county tax and revenue structure and any actions you would take to update the tax code to promote fairness and equity? County income tax rate is at its highest 3.2 and property tax too. We will need to cut unnecessary spending in other areas.

3. How would you utilize your budget authority to address shortfalls facing our schools if the state or federal government reduces their commitment(s)? When your back is against the wall you are forced to raise taxes or cut services in other departments.

4. In many schools, educators are dealing with high class sizes and caseloads. How will you help address critical concerns with educator recruitment and retention in order to ensure we can increase staffing to reduce class sizes and caseloads? I would like to see the state B.O.E. let local school districts have more say in disruptive students behavior. Teachers need to be able to teach without constant interruption from same students

5. Do you commit to honoring the role of your elected body in upholding the policy and funding mandates associated with the Blueprint for Maryland's Future?

YES NO No I can,t commit, How can you help with the short
but will do everything I can to
try and fund mandates

6. Please discuss your philosophy related to charter schools. Do you believe they should be expanded in our county public school structure? no

7. How will your budget address increased needs for mental health supports for students and educators in our community, where mental health access is so limited? Use the cannabis refund money from the state.

8. What is your opinion on local efforts to create and support community schools? I think the support is great

9. SMCPS is in a period of enrollment decline. Our newest building is 10 years old. What should influence any decisions to redistrict? New schools cost a lot and so does remodeling. Study needs to be made to see exactly how many houses, apartments, etc. are being built to see what kind of growth we have to look forward to.

Public Funding for Private Schools:

10. Do you support or oppose allocating public funding to non-public school students through voucher programs?

SUPPORT OPPOSE oppose

Additional comments:

11. Do you support or oppose allowing non-public school students to participate in public school extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, etc.)?

SUPPORT support :

Additional comments:

12. Do you support or oppose school employees gaining the right to strike?

SUPPORT OPPOSE support

Additional comments:

13. What is your understanding of the nature of the relationship between the Board of Education, Superintendent, county government, and union as it relates to negotiations, budget development, and administration of schools? How do you see yourself utilizing the power of your office in working within this structure? I think the relationship is good between all and I would continue a good working relationship.

14. Do you commit to meeting with union leadership to talk about the needs facing our schools (including salary and staffing levels) and the revenue or other budget actions necessary to meet those needs? I would commit to that.

SUPPORT

15. EASMC supports honesty in education. To encourage critical thinking within our classrooms, we believe educators should have professional autonomy on how to implement curriculum to meet the needs of our students. Do you support or oppose this position? How would you respond to political pressure threatening that professional autonomy? I think teachers should teach learning skills and not opinions.

SUPPORT

16. Do you support or oppose a curriculum that reflects the perspective and background of diverse learners? How would you respond to political pressure requesting changes to content and curriculum?

SUPPORT support

Additional comments:

17. What specific policy goals and objectives will you pursue aimed at addressing racial and social justice, including support of diversity, equity, and inclusion for all students and providing equitable access, opportunities, resources, and supports? I think DEI is needed in certain situations.

18. Immigration enforcement is a matter of federal jurisdiction. What is your position on how local law enforcement should interact with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement? And how will you work to ensure school grounds, bus stops, and other school spaces are safe havens against immigration enforcement actions? You need to follow the law.

19. Stable, safe, and affordable housing is necessary for all students to be able to succeed in school and in the recruitment of educators, including education support professionals, to live in the communities they serve. How do you plan to address the housing crisis in the county? The new board needs to see what and how much housing is being built and what is proposed to see what is needed.

Privatization and Support for Education Support Professionals (ESP's):

20. Are you in favor of contracting out custodial, cafeteria, and maintenance services rather than have those services provided by the Board of Education employees?

SUPPORT

OPPOSE oppose

Additional comments:

21. Too many ESPs work second jobs and struggle to provide for their families, buy homes, save for their futures, and afford community or four-year college tuition for their children to learn a trade and plan a career. The looming threats of privatization by school districts, which would import even lower paid workers from outside areas, risk the stability of schools and communities and further undermine the value of ESPs and their jobs.

ESPs across the state are organizing to build presence, strength, and power in a campaign focused on a bill of rights that defines the issues long nagging these dedicated employees and now threatening not only the recruitment of new employees but the retention of dedicated veteran employees. You can read about the ESP Bill of Rights here. Do you support the ESP Bill of Rights?

SUPPORT support

Additional comments:

OPPOSE

22. Please share how you would use your office to help make the ESP Bill of Rights a reality in the county.

Essay Questions:

A. Why are you running for this position? What personal attributes, characteristics, and experiences make you the right candidate for this position? 1. Life experiences
2.knowledge of county government 3.knowledge of B.O.E 4.love of St.Mary,s County

B. What are the top three things you would like to accomplish in the next four years if you are elected to county commissioner? 1. Continue public safety 2.great education for our students
3.cannabis facilities not in residential neighborhoods 4.infrastructure

Additional Information:

Along with this completed questionnaire, please provide an up-to-date bio or resume as well as a current list of endorsements for this election cycle.