

LWVH Public Education Funding Position and Criteria Rubric

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LWVH supports adequate funding and fiscal management that maintains or improves educational programming and opportunities for all public school students in the Hudson City School District. LWVH Position voted May 2013.

If LWVH chooses to take action on a specific District funding issue using the LWVH position, then members will use this rubric to aid their decision. The rubric contains LWVH Criteria for Action and LWVO and LWV sourced positions, principles and criteria on Education, Taxation and Government . LWVO and LWVUS positions etc. may serve as additional foundational statements for supporting a District issue. Observer reports may be sourced as background information. The LWVH Criteria for Action list is not conclusive and should remain open to new or edited criteria. A change of criteria should be Board approved. The rubric will be used as an internal worksheet for League use.

In studying a specific District funding issue, LWVH members will meet Criteria for Action through fact-finding and study of the issue. Each criterion needs be confirmed and findings documented as rationale before a position decided whether the result is for, against or take no action. In addition, the 2012, LWVH, Hudson Know Your Public School District Study is recommended for reference in taking any action on District issues.

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LWVH position on Public Education funding:	LWVH Criteria for Action	LWVUS/LWVO Positions, Principles and Criteria on Education, Taxation, Government	Confirmed/ Rationale	Not Confirmed/ Rationale
<p><i>LWVH supports adequate funding and fiscal management that maintain or improve educational programming and opportunities for all public school students in the Hudson City School District.</i></p>	<p>LWVH supports and promotes an elected Board of Education that provides oversight, accountability and transparency to citizens for all HCSD business proceedings and decision-making within the requirements of the law. LWVH expects BOE compliance with Ohio's Open Meetings Act (Sunshine Laws); BOE Bylaws and Policies must define and consistently apply meetings, agenda and minutes postings by prescribed date and procedure; Public Records requests and retention policies must be in place and consistently applied.</p>	<p>LWVUS Public Policy Positions: Representative Government Promote an open government system that is representative, accountable and responsive. Citizen Rights Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate citizen participation in government decision-making. LWV Principle: The League believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice or proposed actions, holding open meetings, and making public records accessible. (Sunshine Law) (LWVO Agenda for Action)</p>		
<p><i>LWVH supports adequate funding and fiscal management that maintain or improve educational programming and opportunities for all public school students in the Hudson City School District.</i></p>	<p>LWVH supports and promotes adherence to state and federal mandates and ODE directives when they are deemed fair and reasonable and funded; further we support the HCSD to pursue funding when mandates are underfunded or unfunded.</p>	<p>LWV Criteria for all issues regarding government policy, programs and performance: Believes in adequate funding and effective enforcement. Believes in coordination among agencies and levels of government. (LWVO Agenda for Action) LWVO Position Under Social Policy for Primary and Secondary Education: Education Finance #6. The state aid formula should be calculated to reflect the actual costs to school districts for state mandated programs; meeting the educational needs of the children within the district.</p>		
<p><i>LWVH supports adequate funding and fiscal management that maintain or improve educational programming and opportunities for all HCSD pub ed students.</i></p>	<p>LWVH supports and promotes HCSD to monitor legislative activity and interact with legislators and ODE on a regular basis on behalf of the District.</p>	<p>LWV Criteria for all issues regarding government policy, programs and performance: Believes in coordination among agencies and levels of government. (LWVO Agenda for Action)</p>		

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<p><i>LWVH supports adequate funding and fiscal management that maintain or improve educational programming and opportunities for all public school students in the Hudson City School District.</i></p>	<p>LWVH supports and promotes the HCSD BOE, Administrators and Staff to reach out and participate in local community organizations; and for the District to create opportunities that invite parent and community involvement in District decision-making processes, such as Citizen Advisory Committees covering most areas of operations.</p>	<p>LWV Criteria for all issues regarding government policy, programs and performance: Believes in well-defined channels for citizen input and review. (LWVO Agenda for Action)</p> <p>LWV Principle: The League believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings, and making public records accessible. (Sunshine Law) (LWVO Agenda for Action)</p> <p>LWVUS Public Policy Positions: Representative Government Promote an open government system that is representative, accountable and responsive. Citizen Rights Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate citizen participation in government decision-making.</p>		
<p><i>LWVH supports adequate funding and fiscal management that maintain or improve educational programming and opportunities for all public school students in the Hudson City School District.</i></p>	<p>LWVH supports and promotes a comprehensive educational program for all public school children in the HCSD regardless of need, Pre-K through 12th grade or age 21. This list includes but is not limited to: appropriate curriculum aligned with Common Core Standards; monitoring individual student mastery and District rankings with appropriate assessment tools; aim for a goal of career, college and citizen readiness.</p>	<p>LWVUS Position: Equal Opportunity Believes that the federal government shares with other levels of government the responsibility to provide equality of opportunity for education,...regardless of their race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability. Education and Employment Criteria Research, pilot projects and continuing evaluation should be encouraged and, where feasible, built into programs.</p> <p>LWVO Social Policy: Primary and Secondary Education State Education Standards: #1. LWVO supports the use of state standards as a method of "requiring a general education of high quality." #4. LWVO supports the development of a timely, open process for the evaluation and improvement of the state education standards. Standards should include appropriate multiple forms of assessment.</p>		

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<p><i>LWVH supports adequate funding and fiscal management that maintain or improve educational programming and opportunities for all public school students in the Hudson City School District.</i></p>	<p>LWVH supports and promotes the District development of effective methods of communication with students, parents and community using all forms of technology and public media that is timely, accurate and responsive.</p>	<p>LWV Criteria for all issues regarding government policy, programs and performance: Believes in well-defined channels for citizen input and review. (LWVO Agenda for Action)</p> <p>LWVUS Public Policy Positions: Representative Government Promote an open government system that is representative, accountable and responsive. Citizen Rights Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate citizen participation in government decision-making.</p>		
<p><i>LWVH supports adequate funding and fiscal management that maintain or improve educational programming and opportunities for all public school students in the Hudson City School District.</i></p>	<p>LWVH supports and promotes high quality maintenance and updating for District facilities and grounds and adherence to health, safety and ADA standards for staff and students.</p>	<p>LWV Criteria for all issues regarding government policy, programs and performance: Believes in effective enforcement (of standards and laws) (LWVO Agenda for Action)</p> <p>LWVO Social Policy: Primary and Secondary Education Education Finance #9. The state should be able to assist school districts in capital improvements and building construction to comply with appropriate codes in order to ensure health and safety.</p>		

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<p><i>LWVH supports adequate funding and fiscal management that maintain or improve educational programming and opportunities for all public school students in the Hudson City School District.</i></p>	<p>LWVH supports and promotes the HCSD BOE to pursue local, state and federal funding for the District that is adequate to meet legal requirements, technological advances and community expectations so that it can maintain and improve District operations and academic standards; further, LWVH promotes and supports the HCSD Strategic Plan and Five Year Forecast processes that includes citizen involvement. LWVH supports and promotes HCSD to continually educate the community on its fiscal status particularly with levy and or bond issues. Further, LWVH supports and promotes that local and state share of tax generated funds directed to the HCSD are for their use only; and the transaction of District finances must remain under an elected Board of Education.</p> <p>LWVH supports communication between the City, the District and the library regarding shared services, facilities, materials, contracts and revenues.</p>	<p>LWVUS Position: Fiscal Policy Believes that federal fiscal policy should provide for: adequate and flexible funding of federal government programs through an equitable tax system that is progressive overall and that relies primarily on a broad-based income tax... LWVUS Public Policy Positions: Representative Government Promote an open government system that is representative, accountable and responsive. Citizen Rights Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate citizen participation in government decision-making. Education and Employment Criteria Re Programs: State and local governments should contribute to the extent their resources permit; at the same time, adequate federal funds for the establishment and continuation of programs should be available is necessary.</p> <p>LWV Principle: The League believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice or proposed actions, holding open meetings, and making public records accessible. (Sunshine Law) (LWVO Agenda for Action)</p> <p>LWV Criteria for all issues regarding government policy, programs and performance: Believes in the need for adequate financing. (LWVO Agenda for Action)</p> <p>LWVO as Amicus Briefs in DeRolph lawsuit – state education funding is unconstitutional and unresolved in over reliance on property tax. (2015)</p> <p>LWVO Positions under Social Policy for Primary and Secondary Education: Education Finance in Ohio: #1. LWVO supports a funding system for public elementary and secondary education that is accountable and responsive to the taxpayers. LWVO believes that public funds should be used only for public schools. #2. LWVO supports a guarantee by the state of a realistic level of per pupil expenditure in all school districts, including compensatory education programs where needed. #3. The equalizing function of the distribution formula for Foundation Basic Aid should be enhanced by decreasing use of Basic Aid Guarantees.</p>		
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<p><i>LWVH supports adequate funding and fiscal management that maintain or improve educational programming and opportunities for all public school students in the Hudson City School District.</i></p>	<p>LWVH promotes and supports hiring, maintaining and retaining qualified, effective staff in all areas. Further supports and promotes mentoring and monitoring performance; offers intervention when needed; encourages ongoing continuing education opportunities.</p>	<p>LWV Criteria for all issues regarding government policy, programs and performance: Believes it should require a staff of competent personnel with clear responsibilities. (LWVO Agenda for Action)</p>		
<p><i>LWVH supports adequate funding and fiscal management that maintain or improve educational programming and opportunities for all public school students in the HCSD.</i></p>	<p>LWVH promotes and supports that HCSD reflects citizen expectations of its public school district especially as it continues to rely primarily on local property taxes while meeting its state mandates.</p>	<p>LWV Criteria for all issues regarding government policy, programs and performance: Believes in well-defined channels for citizen input and review. (LWVO Agenda for Action)</p>		
<p><i>LWVH supports adequate funding and fiscal management that maintain or improve educational programming and opportunities for all public school students in the Hudson City School District.</i></p>	<p>LWVH promotes and supports the HCSD finding creative solutions and developing new and approved ways of doing business to reduce costs but retain program quality.</p>	<p>LWV Criteria for all issues regarding government policy, programs and performance: Believes in coordination among agencies and levels of government, adequate funding and a staff of competent personnel with clear responsibilities. (LWVO Agenda for Action)</p>		