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If there is one thing we have learned over the past twenty-five years, it's that EVERY vote matters. With the chaos we see in Washington, the problems we as homeschoolers have in Santa Fe, or the frustrations of business owners trying to get employees just to show up on the job, it is obvious that as Christians we need to get and vote. To help in this, first please make sure you are registered to vote. If you want to register on-line, you can at [NM voter registration site](#). You can register to vote until October 9, 2018.

Next, you need to decide for whom you will vote. With the recent problems in Santa Fe, CAPE decided that this year we needed to ask our primary candidates about their views regarding homeschooling. We firmly believe that who is in the governor's chair next year will have a significant impact on our homeschooling rights. CAPE is not actively pursuing a resolution with PED because of the administration change in January.

The format below shows first the question asked by CAPE, then the answer from **Steve Pearce/Michelle Garcia Holmes Republican Candidates** and then answers from **Michelle Lujan Grisham/Howie Morales Democratic Candidates**.

1. Do you support school choice?

Steve Pearce/Michelle Garcia Holmes Republican Candidates- Yes

Michelle Lujan Grisham/Howie Morales Democratic Candidates - Candidates chose not to participate despite repeated attempts to get responses.

2. If elected, would you vote for legislation to expand school choice in New Mexico?

Steve Pearce/Michelle Garcia Holmes Republican Candidates - Yes

Michelle Lujan Grisham/Howie Morales Democratic Candidates - Candidates chose not to participate despite repeated attempts to get responses.

3. Are there any forms of school choice which you would not support? If so, which ones? Note: Please list specific types of school choice (Education Savings Accounts, Tax Credit Scholarships, Individual Tax Credits, Vouchers, etc.) which you oppose, if any, and why.

Steve Pearce/Michelle Garcia Holmes Republican Candidates

No. I believe that when parents are actively involved in education and making decisions that are best for their children, it makes for better outcomes for students. School choice makes that a possibility.

Michelle Lujan Grisham/Howie Morales Democratic Candidates - Candidates chose not to participate despite repeated attempts to get responses.

4. Explain your perspective on the degree of control a parent should have over their child's education.

Steve Pearce/Michelle Garcia Holmes Republican Candidates

I believe parents should have control of their children's education. They - not the government - have the right to decide how their children should be educated. The government has a responsibility to provide a quality public education but it is the parent's choice whether to use that system or another that better fits the needs of their children.

Michelle Lujan Grisham/Howie Morales Democratic Candidates - Candidates chose not to participate despite repeated attempts to get responses.

5. Will you oppose any legislation that would result in the regulation of homeschools?

**Steve Pearce/Michelle Garcia Holmes Republican Candidates
Yes**

Michelle Lujan Grisham/Howie Morales Democratic Candidates - Candidates chose not to participate despite repeated attempts to get responses.

6. Do you believe there should be any regulations on home schools? If so, what regulations?

Steve Pearce/Michelle Garcia Holmes Republican Candidates

The current laws are sufficient for home educators. Home schooling families should have the freedom to choose how to educate their children without obstruction from the state. Naturally any homeschooling program has to meet or exceed state standards.

Last Chance



Can you believe it is October already? The mornings are getting colder and some parts of the state have already started seeing freezing temperatures at night. Fall feels like abundance to me. The time of the harvest, the beautiful warm colors of the leaves and the CAPE Fall Family Retreat! This has been a favorite activity for my family for years. CAPE is busy planning a fun weekend. Activities like pony rides, RC cars, and paddle boats await your family. In addition, we will have a family game night on Friday. And our speaker is Neil Ortiz, homeschool father and pastor. Registration is ending on October 15, 2018, we hope you will join us.

To register, please go to www.cape-nm.org/fall-family-retreat/. Limited spots are still available.

CAPE-NM Calendar



October 19-21, 2018 [Fall Family Retreat](http://www.cape-nm.org/fall-family-retreat/)

Registration currently open

February 4-8, 2019 [TeenPact Leadership School](http://www.cape-nm.org/teenpact-leadership-school/)

February 7, 2019 [CAPE at the Capitol](http://www.cape-nm.org/cape-at-the-capitol/)

May 18, 2019 CAPE NM Graduation Recognition Ceremony

June 21-22, 2019 CAPE NM

Homeschool Convention

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