

AUSTIN R. MEADOWS' PLATFORM  
Candidate for State Superintendent of Education

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I hold:

That our economy, which produces the highest standard of living in the world, should fully support the education which makes that economy possible; and That every child should have the educational opportunity to develop his talents.

I favor:

1. Raising the average annual salary of teachers and principals at least \$600.
2. Relieving the overcrowded conditions in the classrooms of our schools.
3. Meeting Alabama's critical school building problem by constructing adequate school buildings to house our children.
4. Providing funds to relieve overcrowded school buses, to replace worn out equipment, and to raise school bus drivers' salaries.
5. Adequate support for vocational and trade education to provide additional units and increased salaries needed, and to maintain our trade schools.
6. Adequate support of State institutions of higher learning.
7. Strengthening and improving our teacher retirement system, and maintaining a strong teacher tenure law.
8. Providing adequate supply of textbooks for the first six grades.
9. Preserving and strengthening local control of our public schools.
10. Adequate provisions to insure proper selection of textbooks and supplementary materials.
11. A well rounded program of studies in our schools with emphasis on the 3 R's and other fundamentals including health, democracy, and character education.
12. Getting a dollar's worth of educational service for each school dollar spent.

I pledge to uphold the principle of American democracy through our schools.

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*A. R. Meadows*