



BLAIR WALSINGHAM

CANDIDATE,
US CONGRESS,
1ST DISTRICT
TENNESSEE

Blair Believes

*"We need to do everything we can to **help our children grow to be productive, emotionally healthy, and economically viable adults.** **It's time** to tackle the challenging problems facing our schools today, from infrastructure and access to technology to funding for critical support staff to address the unique social and emotional challenges our young people face."*

EDUCATION

Investing in schools

to nourish minds and nurture opportunity



THE ISSUES:

- Tennessee policy focuses on testing, not children
- We rank
 - 40th in teacher salaries & our teachers often pay for classroom supplies
 - 26th in high school graduation rate
 - 34th in spending per student
- Teacher pay raises were diverted to the "rainy day" state fund, away from education
- COVID-19 has shown how important our schools are to support our economy and all the stakeholders

Blair will:

- Support vocational training for 21st century skills to reduce the impact of job automation
- De-emphasize testing to allow education to become more individualized
- Advocate for basic income to support at-home support of students and alleviate the burden on schools to be everything to everyone
- Expand broadband, particularly in rural areas, in order for all students to be able to access at-home learning support and resources
- Redirect operating costs to classrooms through innovative programs like alternative energy
- Increase our household incomes to improve student achievement with the Freedom Dividend
- Incentivize mentor programs to ensure teachers have the professional support they need to be effective classroom facilitators
- Ensure that the federal government fulfills its promise to fund 40% of the costs of IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) as promised in the Full Funding Act