Kansas Citizens for Science  
State Board of Education Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate’s name   Ann Mah  
State Board District  4 

1. As a State Board of Education member, which of the following organizations would you trust to inform your decision-making in regards to science? Check all that apply.
   
   a. American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)  
   b. Kansas Policy Institute (KPI)  
   c. The National Academies of Science (NAS)  
   d. The Discovery Institute  
   e. The American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS)  
   f. Heartland Institute  
   g. The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)  
   h. The Institute for Creation Research (ICR)  
   i. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)  
   j. Marshall Institute  
   k. Fox News Network  
   l. Public Broadcasting (NPR/PBS)  
   m. National Center for Science Education (NCSE)  

Other organizations you rely on for accurate information in the area of science: (Please name) 
National Science Foundation 

2. Would you support retaining the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for students in Kansas?  yes 

3. What do you see as the role of the State Board and the Kansas State Department of Education in providing the necessary resources for implementing NGSS? We have local control of curriculum in Kansas, but the state board needs to advocate for adequate funding and resources to implement the standards. 

4. What do you think should be the role of the State Board of Education in writing curricular standards in science? The Board should pull the team together that will best be able to ensure that the standards we use are rigorous and world class. 

5. What is your view on providing an age-appropriate, medically accurate, comprehensive approach to sex education for the students of Kansas? My view is that is exactly what we should have. 

6. In your view, who has the primary responsibility for determining the licensing requirements for secondary math, science, technology, and engineering teachers, and
why? The state board of education should have that responsibility because it has been designated so in the state constitution.

7. What can the State Board do to help recruit and retain highly qualified STEM teachers for Kansas schools? We need to be able to offer incentives for attracting and keeping STEM teachers. I was a high school physics and chemistry teacher for 5 ½ years in Kansas. I left over the low pay to be an engineer. I would have stayed for a lifetime if I had been making better wages.

8. Do you have any other comments about science education you would wish to share with the voters of Kansas? As a former high school science teacher, I understand the importance of strong standards and high expectations in the science areas. We must be sure all Kansas students have access to world-class science classes so they may be successful in life and in competing for jobs.