



## COURAGEOUS CANDIDATE PROFILE

One of the Clark County Women's Issues Network's(WIN) goals is to help voters make informed decisions as they cast their vote. To facilitate this objective, WIN invited 2020 General Election candidates to tell us about themselves, their candidacy, and their goals. Below is the information received from this candidate.

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**VOTE FOR**

**MARY E. BINEGAR**

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OHIO 10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT



# Mary E. Binegar

State Board of Education District 10 Candidate

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**PLEASE TELL US:**

**1. Your name as it will appear on the ballot:**

Mary E. Binegar

**2. The office for which you are running:**

State Board of Education District 10

### 3. Why you are running for this office:

I am running for the State Board of Education because I believe that educators should have a **strong voice in an agency that oversees and sets policies on education.**

Over the past few years, we have seen the **State Board influenced more and more by those who advocate for charter for profit schools.** This takes funds and resources away from public education that serves the vast majority of Ohio's students.

**As a retired educator, I want to be one more voice to speak up for the vast majority of Ohio's students.**

### 4. What makes you the best candidate for this office:

I am an educator with **30 years of service in public education.** I have also worked on several state committees that **worked directly with Ohio Education Department staff and State School Board members.**

I am already **familiar with education terms and policies.** Additionally, I have **worked on many Ohio Education Association statewide committees** and with **National Education Association** groups on various educational issues.

### 5. What are your credentials and qualifications for the office you are seeking:

I hold a **Bachelor of Science in Education** degree from **The Ohio State University** and a **Masters in Secondary Education** degree from the **University**

**of Dayton.**

Also my **years of experience** working **in the classroom** and my **knowledge of our public education system** qualify me for this position. My first four years of teaching were at a private Christian school so I also understand the mindset of parents who send their children to religious schools.

**My 30 years as a public school employee gives me a first hand knowledge of the challenges our public educators face.** In addition, my **work on statewide education committees** has given me a knowledge of how the state's system works. I also have been **trained as a presenter** and have made **presentations for the National Education Association (NEA)** throughout the US and contributed to several publications printed by the NEA.

6. WIN is dedicated to creating a **progressive future** for Clark County Ohio women, our families, and our community. WIN welcomes **diverse opinions** and promotes **inclusive, just outcomes** insofar as policies, laws, treatment, equal access, and more. WIN promotes **stable, evenhanded, fair, welcoming leaders** who will work with us to **create family, community, and national opportunities for all**—*not just a selected few*—no matter one's age, race, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, station in life or wealth. Taking WIN's foundational objectives as stated above into consideration, **what are the three most important goals you plan to focus on as you campaign and when you are elected:**

**First,** I think we **must address the inequities in our public school system** which were brought to the forefront during this pandemic. As schools were forced online, **one example of the inequities was the divide between the technology "haves" and "have nots"** in terms of access to both the internet and adequate equipment causing some students to have less opportunity than others.

**Second**, I believe we must do everything we can to **maintain public funds in our public education system** since the **vast majority of our students are served in public schools**.

**Third**, we must level the playing field between charter "for profit" schools and public schools. The same rules must apply to both systems to ensure that the same standards are being met and funds for educational needs are truly benefiting students and not being siphoned off for individual profit.

**7. WIN members may want to help on your campaign. Whom should be contacted (please provide the name of the person, their phone number, and their email address) and please let us know what type of help you need.**

Please contact **Mary E. Binegar, 937-360-1554, [binegm@aol.com](mailto:binegm@aol.com)**.

This is my first time to run for public office so **I am open to advice**. I understand a critical need, especially for this office, is **name recognition** and will **appreciate any support** to help get my name out to all the counties. I began this journey late and will be looking for **financial support** as well.

**8. Feel free to share any additional information you think is pertinent about you and/or your candidacy such as your links to your website and/or Facebook:**

Facebook: <https://tinyurl.com/yyqnmfa7>