



Maggie's Civics Corner

Lesson 10

Maggie Says...

*Today's lesson is about Election Policy: I know there are many issues in which the candidates for President of the United States are interested. One of the issues I am interested in is that of **Education**. I loved it when Judge Rendell or Governor Rendell would take me to school to learn obedience.*

Sticky Situation: I like watching kids at play. So... imagine that your school has a very popular junior basketball team.

You have just reached the grade where you are eligible to participate on that team. You have been looking forward to trying out. However, in order to prevent the elimination of other activities, your School Board is considering requiring students on athletic teams to have to pay to participate. Do you think this is a good idea? Why or why not? What would you do to make your opinion known?

Activity: Did you know that school boards monitor the budgets and spending activities for all the schools in a school district. The decision about whether to charge student who want to play on a school team ...sometimes called **pay to play** ...would come from a school board. Do you think it would be a good idea or not to require students on an athletic team...softball, basketball, football, tennis, etc. ... to have to **pay to play**? Prepare a speech that you would like to give to your School Board about your opinion of the idea of requiring students to have to **pay to play**.

Civic Resources: Check out this year's 2020 Presidential Candidates Education Policies:

<https://joebiden.com/education/>

<https://berniesanders.com/issues/reinvest-in-public-education/>