**EDUCATION & SKILLS: What is your plan for ensuring that all students with disabilities, including English Language Learners, receive a quality and appropriate education to acquire critical and marketable skills?**

I am the only candidate to address this issue and it has been part of my platform since day 1 – see [http://www.alexkhalilforussenate.com/](https://link.edgepilot.com/s/20fd3cf0/WYxR3NhIUkuXDcRGiVuYrw?u=http://www.alexkhalilforussenate.com/) This text is taken directly from my website and has been there since I announced my candidacy over 1 year ago:

* Alex is running to ensure that EVERY child in Pennsylvania has a quality and inclusive education.
* Alex will work hard to ensure Pennsylvania’s Public schools receive full and expanded federal Title I and Part B of IDEA. Part B of IDEA authorized Congress to contribute up to 40% of the average per pupil expenditure. Currently the Feds contribute less than 15%. Alex will fight for the 40%. <https://www.understandingspecialeducation.com/special-education-funding.html#:~:text=Special%20Education%20funding%20is%20a%20complicated%20topic.%20Most,education%20is%20entirely%20funded%20by%20the%20federal%20government>
* A quality education includes an Everybody’s playground in all schools so that all children, including children with disabilities, can enjoy the outdoors while at school.
* Alex will introduce legislation that provides educational services for  Children with disabilities after they reach 21 so that they  reach their full potential. Education, training, and support services must go beyond 21 years old and not be based on a family’s income.

**EMPLOYMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP: If elected, what will you do to advance opportunities for people with disabilities who want to work and earn an income, just like anyone else? How will you support employers, large and small, to recruit and hire workers with disabilities? How will you promote evidence-based policies and best practices leading to meaningful careers as well as disability entrepreneurship opportunities?**

Alex will introduce legislation that provides special small business funding and tax credit for families that start businesses for their children with disabilities as well provide additional funding for any businesses that hire people with disabilities.

**ACCESS & INCLUSION: Whether or not you have a formal platform, what specific plans do you have to incorporate the voices of people with disabilities into your decision-making processes, if elected? What steps, if any, have you taken to make your campaign accessible for people with disabilities and to ensure that our voices are heard?**

My events have been held outdoors, via zoom, and phone calls. I am using text messaging to connect with voters. I also hold events in buildings that are accessible regardless of ability.

**FIGHTING STIGMAS: If elected, what will be your plan to fight stigmas, highlight the disability community, and promote higher expectations for success?**

My Senate staff will be from a cross section of people capabilities and abilities. My platform has since day 1 put the issues of the disabled community at the front of my platform.

**OTHER KEY ISSUES: What additional policies and priorities, other than those already discussed above, do you plan to focus on to improve the lives of people with disabilities? If you have yet to develop them, what is your plan to learn about disability issues?**

In addition to the policies and priorities discussed in Question 1, I also plan to introduce legislation that would provide substantial funding to local communities through the Infrastructure bill that would focus on accessibility issues across the board.

People with disabilities will be part of my Senate staff and we will hold town halls that specifically deal with the issues of the disabled community.