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NATHAN CARLOW
for State Representative

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In response to a request from the American Journal dated September 4, 2020, the Carlow for House Campaign has authorized the release of this questionnaire.

1. **Candidate's Name:** Nathan M Carlow
2. **Age:** 21
3. **Family:** Father, mother, and three siblings.
4. **Occupation:** Consultant
5. **Education:** Graduated from Bonny Eagle High School
6. **Political/Civic Experience:** For the last three years I've served as a School Board member for the Bonny Eagle School District, and last year, I was the only member to sit on each of the Board's three standing committees. I've been a member of the District's Budget Advisory Committee since 2016 (except during the 2018-19 academic year), and last year was unanimously elected to be the Co-Chair and Facilitator of the group. A few weeks ago, I was elected by colleagues to serve as Chair of the Board's Policy Committee where I'll work to repeal any policy that hinders the growth of students.

In 2018, I was appointed by the Buxton Board of Selectmen to serve on the Charter Review Commission, a group of community members who were responsible to update the Town Charter. It was on this committee that I sponsored a successful amendment that strengthens the ethics rules for town officials. In 2019, I was appointed to the Board of the Maine Association for Middle Level Education, and currently serve as the Chairman of the Buxton Republican Committee.

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8. **Top Issues Question:** State economists are forecasting a 1.4 billion dollar budget shortfall, and the most urgent question that every legislator should be asking themselves is how are we going

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to continue to fund the programs and services that thousands of Mainers rely on every day. On the School Board, we've had to make tough budget decisions in order to continue providing a top-notch education for our students. These decisions are never easy, but there has to be a method in place to review the efficiency and value of different programs throughout the District. Unfortunately, it appears that Legislative Democrats (however good intentioned they may be) want to continue taxing and spending the hard-earned cash of Mainers. We are at a point where we have to make sacrifices so that we can adapt to the financial effects of COVID-19. When Bonny Eagle is facing tough times, the first thing we do is look at where we can save money, and if we can do it, then the State Government should be able to as well.

There are programs that are absolutely essential to the long term interest of the State of Maine, of which we should avoid curtailing to the extent possible. Public education has got to be one of the government's highest priorities. By continuing in our investment in public education, we can accomplish several things; 1) Reduce local property taxes, 2) Attract more people to come to Maine to live and work, and perhaps most importantly, 3) Retain high school and college graduates that have been fleeing the State in search of opportunities in other parts of the country. In turn, this will enable us to restore the jobs that have been vacated by retirees, particularly those working as medical professionals, civil engineers, and teachers. We are not a wealthy state, and we need leaders who will make smart investments -- not financial disasters.