

NASB State Board Candidate Questionnaire 2024



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1. **Local Control** - With so many decisions from the legislature impacting local boards, NASB is interested in your view of local control. Regarding education, what decisions do you feel are best made at the school board level vs. the State level?

decisions regarding broad curriculum and testing requirements as well as broad funding should remain with the state while localized issues regarding specific programs, policies, procedures, personnel, levies, etc should remain local.

2. **School Funding** - Every year the legislature makes decisions about the way schools are funded, making predictability of funding a challenge. What changes and/or adjustments, if any, do you think the Legislature should address?

I expect sweeping changes to school funding considering the rising concerns regarding property taxes. I would like to see consistency in funding from the general fund and less reliance on levies.

3. **Role of Education in the State** - What role do you think PK-12 Education plays in the future success of the State and your community?

It is everything. Without it, we are doomed

4. **Educational Workforce** - Educational workforce continues to be a challenge across the State from teachers to bus drivers. What would be your plan to address this challenge?

I work with schools on obtaining J-1s for foreign labor already. I am helping the NE chamber of commerce craft a policy statement to increase immigration options and also create policies that encourage a workforce in NE to grow (childcare, transportation, middle income housing, etc).

5. **Mandates** - School districts continue to be challenged by the increasing unfunded mandates put upon them by the State and Federal government. What is your response to mandates and the State's role in them?

Unfunded mandates are out of control and contributing to our tax problems. Legislature needs to take more responsibility in funding these things.

Final Thoughts

Public dollars need to remain with public schools.

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