

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?

I believe most things should be decided local with the school board

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?

To me the TEOSA is messed up. I believe every kid should be funded equally with extra funding going to special needs kids

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's the most important time in developing kids to be productive in life. It teaches them to become men and women

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?

Teachers are leaving because their not getting the proper support to do their jobs

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?

As a former county commissioner I've seen what unfunded mandates do I will be proactive by stopping thing that cost schools more money

Final Thoughts

I believe K-12 is very important to the development of our kids and we all have a duty to help our kids succeed. They are our future leaders

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