

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 in supporting local control. While there may be a need for statewide basic standards, I advocate for allowing local school boards the flexibility to tailor curriculum to meet the unique needs of their students and districts.

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?

The state needs to live up to its funding commitments and maintain those funding levels. This will give our elected school board members the confidence to lower their levy and provide real property tax relief to hard-working Nebraskans.

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?

Every child deserves access to quality education and tools to succeed, regardless of any circumstances. Nebraska's public school classrooms are pivotal in shaping the future American workforce, thus bolstering our state's economic strength.

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?

Schools need to ensure that salaries are competitive so they are able to not only recruit new staff into the profession but also retain the individuals currently doing the job. Other incentives include student loan forgiveness, comprehensive health benefits, and further opportunities/scholarships for continuing education.

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?

While understanding the necessity of some mandates, my concern lies in the funding mechanisms. I believe it's imperative to carefully examine how the state plans to fund

these mandates, balancing necessary mandates with the avoidance of burdensome regulations.

Final Thoughts

As the Executive Director of Stand For Schools, an organization focused on supporting and strengthening public schools, I am a strong advocate for education. I believe that public dollars should only be given to public schools as we have seen how it has detrimental effects in other states that have enacted voucher scheme policies. I will continue to be a strong voice for our education.

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