

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 local control. The State Board of Education is in place to work on standards and curriculum. I believe local boards should be equipped with the tools necessary to successfully run their schools and make those decisions locally.

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 originally committed to funding our public schools and we need to return to that model. The model for how local schools are funded needs to be reviewed to make changes to help local schools plan and for taxpayers to not be hit with substantial property tax increases.

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?

As a business owner, I believe it is important to have strong school systems to prepare students for their life after high school. Regardless of their path, students need to be met where they are and be prepared to help our communities and businesses grow and prosper.

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?

Recently the Legislature passed legislation to make it easier for teachers from other states to come to Nebraska and be in the classroom sooner. We need to continue having these conversations to address this challenge. For other positions in the district, we need to be proactive and competitive to recruit and retain talent in our schools in every position. I hope we can find ways for state and local agencies to work together in order to address all of these challenges.

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?

The state needs to mee their obligation to our schools, students, and teachers

Final Thoughts

I am a strong advocate for our education system. My door will always be open for discussions on how we can improve education to meet the needs of our students, teachers, businesses, and community.

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