

NASB State Board Candidate Questionnaire 2026



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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?

Local level control over schedules, facilities, safety and security partnerships, and transportation issue are reasonable while state budgeting, employee benefits, and curriculum should be addressed at the state level. I want to be proactive in identifying what is working and what isn't so we can facilitate a strong competitive educational system for generations.

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?

Discussions around the infrastructure of the overall funding strategies need to be addressed as the entire demographic has shifted. I would prefer to learn more from NASB perspectives and priorities.

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 fundamental foundation to a strong society. One of the critical elements in sustainable communities is education.

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?

The key indicator of failed systems and processes is the lack of respect to the operator. In all trades I see this nationwide. We have to build benefit plans that support the ROI of educators and staff. I have assessed this for corporate entities throughout my career.

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 need to be reviewed for their purpose and application. If it has no founded application, pending the mandates origin the fiduciary responsibilities of proper audits are expected.

Final Thoughts

I am a firm believer in education. When we as a society are properly educated we can make life decisions with confidence. That confidence creates the inherent safety and security for a successful community. Nelson Mandela once stated "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

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