

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?

When you have a school board, that is elected by the people in your district, it is essential that they can make the best decisions for their school. Local control is essential because it is comprised of people from the area and the people who live there.

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?

Right now, with property taxes the way they are made up, schools, counties and cities make a budget and are voted upon. The great thing about our system is that is installed now is that you can voice your concerns to the board before they vote on approval of the budget.

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?

Education is essential for building a community or a state. When the majority of the population is educated, we think outside the box and use the tools around us to solve future problems.

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 would have to listen to the educators of today and see what they have to say. I know that childcare/daycare is essential in our state and would be a priority of mine to help keep new educators and leaders in this state.

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?

When unfunded mandates hit a school, city, or counties we all feel it because the expense has to come from the taxpayer in one form or another. In the legislature the state should listen to the concerns of the county officials on how these unfunded mandates are hurting and creating concerns when it comes to growth and budgeting.

Final Thoughts

Education is essential for the growth of the state and communities across our great state.

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