

## 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?

The state legislature's role is not to impede on local leadership, but work in partnership with local authorities to create effective policies. The local school boards know their district, community and families the best and I trust that they will make the best decisions for their district.

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?

As we watch the special session and wrestle with tax codes, we have to ensure that public school districts across the state are properly funded. Once we learn more about the decisions that will come out of special session, it will better guide my perspective on what changes or adjustments if any, the legislature will need to readdress.

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?

PK-12 Education is integral to building the Nebraska of the future. We need a strong public education system to support our workforce and economy so there has to be intentional investment and support at the state level.

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?

We need to reimagine the funding formula so school districts have the resources to invest in higher wages and additional supports to attract and retain quality talent. As we watch the special session and what happens, I would like to work with education leadership to create policy that supports solutions as you all are the experts.

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?

We can not expect school districts to meet unfunded mandates and need to work with education leadership across the state to create solutions that allows for accountability without creating more hardships.

**Final Thoughts**

I appreciate the leadership and membership of this group, and look forward to working with you to curate policies that advance our educational goals across the state.

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