

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 funding and curriculum decisions should be made at the local level because local school boards are the best representation of constituents of their area.

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?

I believe the legislature should be finding alternative funding sources other than local property taxes to assist in school funding.

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?

I believe the best investment we can make for our state's future is to ensure that we have high-quality education for all students.

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 give school districts enough funding to give all faculty competitive wages and benefits to the private sector.

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 must stop passing unfunded mandates and find ways to help local governments instead of forcing these policies on them that they cannot afford.

Final Thoughts

I am committed to working with public education officials, teachers, administrators, and taxpayers to ensure we have a competitive public education system in Nebraska and that we can continue to invest in the next generation.

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