

## 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 School Boards need to be responsible for deciding how all funds are spent as well as identifying the priorities for each 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?

Our responsibility as a state is to ensure each child receives an education. Ensuring our schools are strong and able to meet that expectation is essential. It is also important for the state to remove unfunded mandates to schools.

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?

Each child needs to be educated to their best ability to ensure we have the population necessary to continue to grow our state.

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 passed a bill to give license reciprocity to teachers, and am also working with the Dept. of Economic Development to allocate funds to provide tuition waivers to student teachers during their student teaching semester.

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?

Get rid of them!

### **Final Thoughts**

We have great education and teachers in this state, both public and private. The ultimate goal is to ensure that each child is educated to his or her fullest potential.

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