

## 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 should create the bare minimum a school needs to do and then the local school can do more if they want to.

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?

one of the biggest problems with that rural Nebraska schools are being defunded so that more money can be filtered to Omaha and Lincoln. Politicians do that to gain votes from the more populated cities. There needs to be a standard set of funds per number of children per school.

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?

kids education is important for the growth of our Nation. Early childhood education improves the social development of a child.

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?

have a standard base pay for teachers and bus drivers accross the State. Pay is different because of location. When pay is different because of location, it is a form of pay inequality and can be considered discrimination.

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?

if there is mandates that is going to cost the schools more money, then the state should carry the expense.

**Final Thoughts**

The only way to secure our future is to ensure a well-funded education system, starting with pre-kindergarten up through higher education.

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