

## NASB State Board Candidate Questionnaire 2024



Paul Strommen – LD 47

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?

Loosing local control could create significant issues especially for our schools out west.

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 someone whose background is in business not education I have been working to better understand our states school funding apparatus. From a business perspective a mix of predictability and sustainability is always a net positive.

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?

The role of PK-12 is to give our young adults the tools they need to succeed in all their future endeavors. “No other sure foundation can be devised for the preservation of freedom and happiness” - T. Jefferson

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?

Incentive programs could be a way to address our states workforce concerns.

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?

Unfunded mandates can put an undue burden on taxing authorities.

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