

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?

Local control is important as not all areas of our State deal with the same types of students, backgrounds, origins and levels of income. Customization may be necessary. While funding (mil levies) have been the historical method of funding schools, recent increases in property values, as well as moving the valuations in certain areas from 70% to 100%, calls for a review of funding while maintaining some level of local control.

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?

The current method is also fraught with uncertainty because of the unpredictable nature of the valuation of property. we need a thorough review of the entire system.

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?

Th most important thing in our State is the education of our children.

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?

Consider partial forgiveness/payment for new teachers and aid towards the pursuit of advanced degrees.

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?

Mandates need to be funded in some specific way, not just thrust upon the districts for then to figure out.

Final Thoughts

How can voters contact you?

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