

## NASB Legislative Candidate Questionnaire 2022



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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?

- *Most decisions should be made at the local school board level. Outside of a few policies that I think is vital to the success of our children across the state, I have advocated for 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?

- *I have worked extensively on school finance and property tax relief. I believe we should lower the LER and levy lid to get more state funds into our public school system. This would also bring more districts into equalization.*

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?

- *It's essential and it the most important thing we can do for our state. As an educator, I have been a strong advocate for public schools and know the value of a quality education for kids and our community.*

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 ensure school funding is in place so we can offer competitive wages to attract and retain the best teachers and support staff we can. We also must fight the dangerous anti public school rhetoric.*

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 need to be extremely cautious about creating mandates unless we are also providing the funding for those mandates. Schools have been asked to do more with less for many years.*

### **Final Thoughts**

- *I will do everything I can to support public schools in Nebraska.*

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