

## 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?

- *I believe in local control. Decisions on curriculum and other matters that happen at the state level are best left to the State Board of Education and the Legislature should only intervene when absolutely necessary.*

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 believe we should be providing more funding at the state level for schools. We put too much burden on property owners at the local level. We should be fully funding TEEOSA and making common-sense changes as necessary.*

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?

- *Education from early childhood to graduation is perhaps the most important investment we can make. Every child regardless of where they live or their parents' financial situation should have a chance to be successful. A quality education will produce a stronger workforce and keep kids out of trouble.*

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 we give our educational professionals and support staff have the tools they need to be successful. This could be higher wages (with more state funding), tuition reimbursement for those who want to go to rural areas, and more. I don't think there's one thing that will fix this issue by itself. We need a comprehensive approach and I'm looking forward to working with you on it.*

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?

- *In general, I believe in local control. Local school boards know what is best for their students. I think it's fair to have some state and federal guidelines. However, it would be ideal that the state and federal government would be helping local districts pay for those mandates.*

### **Final Thoughts**

- *I proudly support public education and will always back the work our teachers, administrators, support staff, and school board members do to provide our kids the best education we can. I am the only candidate in my race that will prioritize public education and opposes using public funds for private schools.*

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