

## 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 really prefer almost all decisions being made at the local level including wages, curriculum, School calendar, building, etc.

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?

- All schools and students should receive a large percentage of funding for their education from the state No matter what their location or ZIP Code. The amount of income in a district is a much better determinant for the needs of a district rather than the amount of property in the district.

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?

- Next to family and community support including churches I think PK 12 education is the strongest determinant for the success of students in our state and 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?

- Teaching, encouraging, and demanding respect for teachers and all school employees is most important. Reciprocity in licensing and using federal dollars whenever possible to enhance pay is also important. The job interview, relevant classes, and experience are more important than testing. Testing is necessary in the chosen Field of expertise however.

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?

- I do not believe in unfunded mandates.

### **Final Thoughts**

- The TEEOSA formula is broken and needs to be replaced. It is not fair in the way it collects taxes with an over reliance on Property taxes. It is also not fair in the way it distributes the tax revenue when only a fraction of the schools in the state receive State funding and many of these schools are the highest income schools in the state. It is also not fair in the way state revenue is distributed in that many students in medium and low income parts of the state receive absolutely no state funding for their education.

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