

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?

- *General Fund budgets. Facilities plans. Staff employment and salary levels.*

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?

- *Distribute more state aid to non-equalized schools.*

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 plays a critical role in the need for producing graduates who can be self supporting and contribute to society.*

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?

- *Give out of state teachers easier access to teaching in Nebraska. Provide scholarships for college tuition. Share teachers online among schools for low demand classes.*

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?

- *Require the State Board of Education to reduce mandates or allow more local flexibility.*

Final Thoughts

- *Boards need the ability to terminate deficient teachers. Work to increase parental involvement in education. Utilize technology to improve efficiency. Allow students to evaluate teachers and make suggestions.*

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