First State Educate's 2026 School Board Candidate Survey

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School board members play an important role in guiding the direction of public school districts. The questions below are designed to help voters understand how candidates think about governance, decision-making, and student success. While candidates may express their ideas in different ways, strong responses often reflect several core principles of effective school board leadership.

Public school boards are responsible for setting direction, overseeing district leadership, and stewarding public resources on behalf of the community. **Why do you want to serve on your local school board?**

I want to serve on the school board because the Caesar Rodney School District provided my 2024 graduates with a strong, high-quality education. I'm grateful for the dedication of the teachers, staff, and administrators who supported my children's success.

Serving on the board is a way to give back and help ensure that this standard of excellence continues for all students in our community.

School board members make decisions that affect thousands of students and millions of public dollars. **What principles will guide how you make those decisions?**

Academic excellence, a safe and positive learning environment, and recruiting and retaining the best educators will guide my decisions. I will prioritize what is in the best interest of students, ensure responsible stewardship of public funds, and support policies that strengthen both student outcomes and staff success.

School boards are ultimately responsible for ensuring districts improve outcomes for students. **What student outcomes should your district improve over the next four years?**

Over the next four years, our district should improve literacy and math proficiency for all students. That includes increasing the number of students reading on grade level by third grade and strengthening math skills across all grades. We should also focus on closing achievement gaps and ensuring students are prepared for college, careers, and life.

School boards must work across differences and remain connected to the communities they serve. **How will you work with fellow board members, district leadership, and families to move your district forward?**

I will work collaboratively by fostering openness and transparency in all decisions, actively listening to fellow board members, district leadership, and families. By valuing diverse perspectives and maintaining clear, honest communication, I will help build trust and ensure decisions reflect the needs of the entire community while moving the district forward.

School boards are making decisions that affect students and district resources. **How should board members use data, research, and community input to guide those decisions?**

Board members should use data, research, and community input together to guide decisions. Data—like student performance, attendance, and budgets—helps identify needs and track progress. Research ensures strategies are evidence-based and effective. Community input from families, staff, and students provides context and builds trust. By combining all three, board members can make informed, transparent decisions that reflect local values, use resources wisely, and improve student outcomes.

School board members communicate decisions to the public.**How will you ensure the community has an honest, clear picture of district conditions and can see how the board is making decisions?**

I will keep the community informed through transparent updates, clear explanations of decisions, and opportunities for input, showing how board choices are guided by data and student needs.

School boards often bring together members with different perspectives. **How would you approach working collaboratively with other board members while keeping the focus on the district's long-term goals for students?**

I would listen carefully to my fellow board members, respect different perspectives, and work collaboratively to ensure all decisions support the district's long-term goals for student success.

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