

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 Colonial School Board because I am deeply committed to our students, families, and community. As an actively involved parent, I have contributed in multiple ways—assisting with three school referendums, serving on the Parent Advisory Council, participating in strategic planning sessions, and serving on the district's Financial Oversight Committee. These experiences have given me firsthand insight into how our schools operate and the impact thoughtful leadership can have on student success.

I want to use my experience in education, business, and community engagement to help guide the district's direction, ensure resources are used effectively, and support policies that provide every student with the opportunity to thrive. Serving on the board is a way for me to give back and help shape the future of our schools.

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

The decisions I make on the school board will be guided by putting students first, using data and the district's strategic plan to make informed choices, and ensuring resources are used responsibly. I will prioritize transparency and accountability so the community understands how decisions are made, and I will listen to educators, parents, and staff to make sure all voices are heard. These principles will help me make thoughtful, fair, and effective decisions for the long-term success of our schools.

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, the district should focus on improving student outcomes in several key areas. First, continuing to raise reading and math literacy scores is critical, ensuring all students have strong foundational skills. This includes ongoing literacy and instructional improvements to support teachers and students.

Second, policy updates should prioritize both student outcomes and teacher instruction, making sure classroom practices and resources are aligned with best practices and the district's strategic goals.

Finally, the district should carefully evaluate recommendations from the Redding Consortium and the potential consolidation of the Northern NCC into a single district, ensuring any changes support student success, equitable access, and effective use of resources.

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?**

Moving the district forward requires collaboration, communication, and a focus on shared goals. I will work closely with fellow board members and district leadership by listening carefully, valuing different perspectives, and bringing my experience in strategic planning, budgeting, and community engagement to the table.

I will also stay connected to families and the broader community through open dialogue, regular updates, and opportunities for input. In addition, I will visit schools to engage directly with staff, students, and families, gaining firsthand insight into their needs and successes. By fostering trust, transparency, and teamwork, we can make thoughtful decisions that improve student outcomes, support teachers, and strengthen the Colonial School District for years to come.

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 to make informed, responsible decisions that benefit students and the district as a whole. Data and research provide evidence-based insights into student performance, instructional effectiveness, and resource allocation, helping the board identify areas for improvement and measure progress.

At the same time, community input ensures that decisions reflect the priorities and concerns of families, educators, and local stakeholders. By combining data, research, and engagement, board members can make thoughtful, transparent decisions that improve student outcomes, support teachers, and ensure resources are used effectively to strengthen the Colonial School District.

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?**

Ensuring the community has a clear and honest picture of the district requires transparency, consistent communication, and engagement. My experience on the Financial Oversight Committee has given me firsthand knowledge of budgeting, resource allocation, and how financial decisions impact students and programs.

Using this experience, along with my work on the Parent Advisory Council, PTA, and participation in strategic planning sessions, to communicate board decisions clearly.

I will schedule school visits across the district on a periodic basis. Additionally, my plan is to engage the community at school related activities and events to gain their perspective. This will give me an opportunity to discuss challenges, priorities, and the rationale behind decision-making.

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?**

Working collaboratively on the school board means listening to and respecting different perspectives while keeping the district's long-term goals for students at the center. Experience on the Parent Advisory Council, PTA, strategic planning sessions, and the Financial Oversight Committee has shown me the value of using data, research, and clear understanding of resources to guide decisions. By fostering open dialogue and focusing on what benefits students, I will work with the board to build consensus, make thoughtful decisions, and ensure every student has the support and opportunities they need to succeed.

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