

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?**

Our children are our future, and providing them with a strong educational foundation is essential. As a member of the school board, I am committed to ensuring our curriculum is rigorous enough to prepare students for success after high school, whether they pursue college, entrepreneurship, or the trades. I will work closely with my fellow board members to ensure students have the necessary resources to excel.

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

In my professional career as an infrastructure design engineer, the equipment I have placed affects thousands of customers throughout DC and MD. I manage fiscal responsibilities by keeping projects within budget and navigating complex funding landscapes. I intend to apply this experience to school district financial matters concerning students, ensuring we find cost-effective ways to operate safely and effectively while staying informed on state and local funding.

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

Improving our district's English, Language Arts, and Math scores is a top priority because these areas are critical to boosting SAT performance and overall content mastery.

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 closely with my fellow board members by attending and discussing district business at board meetings. I will actively engage with committees like the Parent Council and maintain open communication with parents, teachers and district leadership.

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?**

Data regarding student and staff counts, district assets along with state and local funding, will guide my resource allocation decisions.

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?**

By attending our weekly public board meetings and collaborating with the teachers' union and district leadership, I will address concerns in a timely manner. I will also attend district functions to communicate these decisions clearly to the community.

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 am dedicated to maintaining a professional environment built on respect, honesty, and integrity. Even when we disagree, I will always prioritize the best interests of our students and look for innovative ways to move our district forward.

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