



Local School Effectiveness

Questions for School Director Candidates

1. What is the role of Directors, and does that role include pursuing changes in the operations, personnel practices and services of the school district?
2. The legislature has supplied a significant amount of new resources for the district. What is your top priority for spending any new discretionary funds?
3. To what extent should levy funds be used to enhance the wages and benefits of those school employees who receive a salary from the state?
4. Do you view Skills Centers, the Running Start program, alternative learning programs, online options and charter schools as enhancing or detracting from public education?
5. Do you believe measured student learning growth should be a factor in evaluating educators?
6. What are your thoughts about half-days and shortened school years?
7. Would you support or oppose offering the community a charter school?
8. What causes dropouts and what can be done to improve the on-time high school completion rate?
9. What should the district's policy be for students who are unable to read by the end of third grade?
10. Would you support strengthening district managers' ability to retain, assign or enhance the wages of employees based upon factors other than seniority?
11. What can be done to improve family involvement and responsibility for a child's education?
12. If the district goes to the public for a levy, should the board pass a resolution committing the resources to specific purposes or leave flexibility for the possible uses of the funds?
13. If you could implement one reform within existing resources by reprioritizing funds and staff time, what would your priority reform be?
14. Should union negotiations be livestreamed or observed?



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