

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

NAME: _____
DATE: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY/ZIP: _____
TELEPHONE: _____
FAX NUMBER: _____
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1. Why do you wish to serve on the school board?

2. a) What do you see as the major problems facing the school district?

b) If elected, what solutions or ideas would you offer for resolving the problems you've noted?

Questionnaire for School Board Candidates (Continued)

3. Please review your qualifications or expertise in the following:

A) Budget

B) Policies

C) Personnel

D) Instruction and Curriculum

c) What other insights and abilities do you feel you can bring to the position of school board member?

4. a) Are you aware of the salary and benefits offered to employees in our district?

b) How do you feel about the salaries/benefits provided by our District in terms of recruiting and training the best possible employees?

Questionnaire for School Board Candidates (Continued)

- c) What priority do you believe needs to be given to efforts to significantly increase employee salaries in this district? Would you support a millage increase designated for employee salary improvements?
5. Would you, as a school board member, continue to support the right of Little Rock Education Association to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement with the school district dealing with salaries, working conditions and other matters of professional concern?
6. If our district were to receive unexpected funds, what would you list as the three top priorities for these monies?
7. Should our district experience a serious drop in enrollment and the financial situation necessitate a reduction in expenditures, what area(s) would you recommend for these reductions? How would you see prioritizing the areas in which reductions should take place?
8. Currently, some school districts are experiencing attacks by organized groups calling for censorship of classroom instructional materials, removal of certain books from libraries and reading lists, and restrictions on the academic freedom of public school teachers. As a school board member, how would you deal with such attacks in our school district?

Questionnaire for School Board Candidates (Continued)

9. Schools and school districts today are being urged to implement restructuring programs, charter school programs and site-based decision making. Are you familiar with these programs? How do you feel about such programs?

10. What types of things do you believe the school district can do to improve community relations and build more community support?

11. a) Upon what basis do you feel school employees should be evaluated?

- b) Who should conduct the evaluation?

- c) Do you feel school administrators should be evaluated?

- d) Whom do you see evaluating the Superintendent and what do you feel would be an effective way in which to conduct such an evaluation?

- f) What role, if any, should the school board play in evaluation of school employees?

Questionnaire for School Board Candidates (Continued)

12. What do you feel is the appropriate use of standardized tests (such as the benchmark tests and the Iowa Test of Basic Skills)? Should results of these tests be used to evaluate teachers or determine teacher pay?
13. a) If you wished to obtain information about the condition of the school system regarding student, teacher and support personnel morale; the physical quality of the environment that exists for learning; the curriculum or any other school-related issues, to whom would you go?
- b) Do you feel it appropriate for the local education association to keep you informed on such matters?
14. If recommended by the local association, what role do you see school employees and the association playing in your campaign?

**NOTE: PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE LREA OFFICE
(119 South IZard Street, Suite 200, Little Rock, AR 72201) OF FAX (375-1703)
NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. FRIDAY, JULY 20th.**