



School Board Member Candidate Survey: 2023

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"Public schools are vital to not only the future success of our children but are also vital for our communities. We need to ensure that we are properly funding public schools. We also need to ensure that we are giving our students the tools they need to succeed and to meet state standards while providing them with safe and welcoming schools. We need to ensure that adequate funds are provided and opportunities are offered to prepare all of our students for their post-graduation future, whether that be college, a trade, military or other career choice.

We need to address the accelerated rate at which Pennsylvania teachers are leaving their jobs. If we want our students to have the best quality teachers, we need to ensure that we have an adequate number of teachers entering the profession.

Mental health is one of my top priorities. There is a mental health crisis in this country, and we cannot expect students to achieve their full potential if their mental health needs are not being met. I support social and emotional learning in the classrooms. I have voted to increase the number of counselors, behavioral specialists, prevention specialists, intervention specialists, and school psychologists, and continue to support improving mental health supports. I also believe in making these resources available at the elementary levels so that students become comfortable at an early age with seeking help when needed.

Investing in our students is an investment in our future!"

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