



## School Board Member Candidate Survey: 2023

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***Question 4: Meeting the mental health and social/emotional needs of our students is paramount to their academic and lifetime success. This requires funds from the school budget, such as hiring school psychologists and social workers. Do you agree or disagree that school district funds should be among the funds used to address students' mental health needs?***

“The school's efforts in meeting the mental health/social and emotional needs of the students should not weigh solely on the taxpayer. State and federal funding is also necessary. Ensuring that students are meeting state academic standards in schools where they are safe and nurtured is one of many important jobs of a school board member. The education of our young people is a 'team' effort and all stakeholders must be part of the process.”

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