

10 Important Questions to Ask School Board Candidates

Choosing a school board member to represent you is an important decision. Asking candidates thoughtful questions is essential to understand their views, qualifications, and priorities to see if they align with your own.

Explore their website and social media to read their positions. Attend a candidate forum, a campaign meet and greet, or other public event and use these questions to learn more. Ask follow up questions if you want a more in-depth answer from the candidate.

What do you believe is the role of a school board member?

What do you see as the most pressing challenges facing our district and how will you address them? Who will you consult to advise and inform your decisions?

How would you work to engage our families and the community and ensure all voices are heard?

What is your plan to ensure all students have access to high-quality education regardless of background or abilities? How will you promote inclusivity and diversity?

What is your plan to address the national teacher shortage, retain educators, and support/empower them?

How will you work to provide a well-rounded education for every student with access to college and career programs?

How would you balance issues concerning school safety, discipline, and student and educator mental wellness?

What is your philosophy on the role of technology and digital resources in education?

What are your views on school choice and what are your plans to address it?

How should our limited funding be allocated to best serve the needs of students and educators?