

School Board Candidate Survey

After soliciting feedback from the community over the past several months, we have created a questionnaire that we hope all school board candidates will complete, to better help ExeterPACT and our community understand where candidates stand on these important issues

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What are your reasons for running for school board this year? *

Concerns about declining academic standards at the SAU 16

What do you see as the main challenges facing the school district and what do you want to change? *

Declining academic rankings, declining enrollment, disproportional administrative spending (we spend more money on School Administration than we do on teachers and paraprofessionals)

The School District Budget is always heavily discussed and debated. What changes are necessary to the budget and the budget process if any? *

We're adding administrative positions and eliminating teaching positions in a time when academic standards/rankings are declining.

What is your opinion regarding the SAU16 policy responses to Covid and what, if anything, would you change? *

The board should put more weight on the results of the parental survey's. Giving out several rounds of parental survey's pertaining to Covid Policies and then not taking the results into consideration is a waste of time and resources.

Why do you believe animosity has increased during in interactions between the school board, the administration, and the public, and how can the current climate be improved? *

I believe that a large portion of the public feel that their perspectives are not being taken into consideration by this school administration and school board. A more balanced perspective on the board could help to remedy these concerns. This board needs more checks and balance. More questions need to be asked and at times be less agreeable to every initiative brought forward by the superintendent.

What would you use as a model to gauge academic success? *

A stable or growing enrollment, increased academic rankings, greater proficiency scores

Would you support the addition of more teachers and para positions? *

Yes

No

Do you believe our SAU has the appropriate number of administrators? *

Yes

No

If elected, what approach will you take in responding to parents' questions and concerns as it relates to their children's educational experiences inside the classroom? *

A more communicative school board. School board members and an administration that take ALL parental concerns into consideration. Returning emails and giving parents the podium to voice their concerns and more importantly taking those concerns into consideration

Do you see yourself primarily as a representative of the community or as a representative of the school system? *

- Representative of the community
- Representative of the school system

Are you committed to a yearly survey of families, students, community residents, and school staff about what they see as major strengths and shortcomings of the district and its schools? Are you committed to publicly sharing the results? *

- Yes I am committed to a yearly survey and yes I am committed to publicly sharing the results
- Yes I am committed to a yearly survey but I believe the surveys are information for the school board and administrators
- No I am not committed to a yearly survey
- Undecided

What makes you the most qualified person for the school board? *

I have been managing people and budgets for over 25 years. I have two daughters in the Exeter School System and I'm personally invested in the academic standards of the SAU 16

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