

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? *

I am relatively new to Kensington (3 years) but grew up in the seacoast area. I now have a family and plan to send both kids through the school system. I want to help out in the community wherever I can and believe the KES school board is a great place to start.

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

I am only beginning to understand the challenges facing the school district and need to understand more in order to form an opinion on what to change.

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

I am not sure. I need to learn and understand more about the process.

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

It was and still is a very difficult situation to navigate. At this time, I am focused on learning more about KES and understanding how best to complete my duties as a board member, if elected.

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? *

There is division across the Country. Freedom in many ways is not what it used to be. Respecting views that may not align with yours seems to be a lost art. The main focus should be on our children and ensuring they receive the best education possible and be prepared for all that life can throw at them. My hope is that the current climate can be improved by making common sense decisions, respectfully, with the best interest of our children in mind.

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

I need to better understand how this is currently gauged within KES to form an opinion.

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? *

If elected, I will respectfully do all I can to address the questions and concerns raised.

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 spent approximately 15 years in the financial services industry working to address various issues across Audit, Risk and Compliance functions. Although the experience and skills I have acquired along the way may be helpful to me if elected, the primary qualification I can point to is being a father of two young children entering the school system. I plan to live here for a long time and want the best for them and others within the community.

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