

## 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'm running for Exeter Elementary School Board for a couple of reasons. First I would like to help make positive changes in our schools. I believe that there is a communication gap between the administrators, teachers, and the parents of our schools and I would like to help close that gap. One of my greatest qualities is to be able to listen to the facts of an issue and help come up with a viable solution.

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

Some of the main challenges facing the school district are the negative perceptions of the school board and the administration. I believe this can be changed with better communication.

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

I'm not sure how to answer this question, I would have to see the process and then I would recommend changes as needed. However I strongly believe in responsible spending that prioritizes our students and teachers needs.

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

I believe that SAU16 policy on Covid needs to be updated. I think that this policy should be changed as soon as receive new scientific information about the virus. The mask policies that were put in place 2 years ago when Covid started should not be the same policies that we have in our schools today.

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 don't think these groups are communicating effectively. We need to listen to what each other is saying and come up with a solution that works in the best interests of our kids.

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

I would like to see our school system go back to pre-Covid excellence. Exeter was a school system with some of the highest standards in the state. I would love for Exeter to achieve that again.

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 would welcome all emails and take the time to answer any concerns a parent might have by discussing it with other school board members along with teacher and the administrators.

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 part of the Exeter Community in one form or another for the past 25 years! I have 3 children that have gone through the Exeter School System, and I am very good at bringing people together for the greater good. I served on the Exeter Elementary PTO for 5 years and volunteered for a variety of school related activities and fundraisers for another 5 years. During this time, I was able to develop and maintain positive relationships with the teachers and staff which I believe I can take with me to the board.

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