

Budget Advisory Committee Survey

After soliciting feedback from the community over the past several months, we have created a questionnaire that we hope all budget advisory 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 key reasons for running as a candidate for budget advisory committee this year? *

I have been interested in running for School Board since we moved here 10 years ago, but after attending all of the school board meetings and many of the recent budget meetings, I determined that the budget advisory committee is the place where decisions are made before they even get to the school board, so I wanted to get involved here. I appreciate all of the hard work that has been done by those currently on the board, but I think we need fresh perspectives on the school budget in these unique times.

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 if this question means changes to the way the BAC views the budget, the school board or the public, but I think that more information being distributed out to the public would help people understand how and at what point they need to get their voice heard to make changes. The deliberative session is late in the process, yet I think most people don't know that they can be involved earlier in the process by attending meetings and emailing their school board representatives.

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

If elected, how will you ensure accountability and transparency in the budgeting process?

I will diligently review the reports when made available at the end of the year and check them against the approved budget and question when items don't line up or don't make sense.

What particular experiences or skills do you have that makes you the most qualified candidate?

I have developed critical thinking and negotiation skills over my 20 year career as a lawyer. I am not afraid to ask hard questions, but will work collaboratively with the rest of the committee members to review the budget proposals and determine the best recommendations to the School Board. I have experience with financial statements from my work as a corporate finance attorney and as the treasurer of the Children's Museum of New Hampshire and I want to be involved with making sure that the district allocates and spends the taxpayer money on areas that will benefit students and that will give them the best education possible. I am committed to helping this SAU be the best in in the state!

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