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Community Led School Board

Questionnaire

This questionnaire was put together by a coalition of non-partisan, non-profit organizations seeking to provide the community with an opportunity to meet, engage and learn from all school board candidates. All candidates running for Denver Public School Board and Aurora Public School Board are being sent the questionnaire on the same date with two weeks to submit their responses.

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In a few sentences, describe your vision for the students and families you desire to serve.

I pledge to work purposefully for students, parents and teachers, to safeguard our neighborhood schools, celebrate our diversity, curb the school to prison pipeline, and create policy to attract and retrain diverse, highly qualified teachers. I will involve local communities in the decisions about types of schools and policies that serve our families, rather than outside groups, money and lobbyists.

In your opinion, what top two changes should be made on a state and local level regarding public education?

Moratorium on charter schools and equitable funding.

If you are elected to the school board, how will you ensure there is progress toward racial equity for students of color?

Advocate for culturally competent curriculum and educators.

What do you think needs to be done to increase access to programs like ASCENT and concurrent enrollment for students of color and lower income students?

More aggressive marketing and outreach to our parents.

How does your school district need to improve in its process of ensuring all students graduate ready for college/career?

Less focus on rote memorization for a standardized test. Colleges and employers want people who can think critically and creatively.

How would you determine top budget priorities?

How would you advocate for adequate and equitable funding for your district on a state and local level?

Reject policies that will pit children against each other and ensure that our already too scarce public dollars are only used for public walkable neighborhood schools.

What role do you believe families and students should play in implementing district and school policies?

Family and student voice is crucial in implementation. We have to have buy in so that policies will be successful.

How would you work with schools to address the school-to-prison pipeline?

Creating a culturally rich curriculum and doubling down on diversity training for teachers and staff can go a long way in putting students of color on the road to success, not prison!

What is your position on charter schools?

I support the NAACP's moratorium on charter schools.

What steps would you take to ensure that the district curriculum be culturally responsive to the needs of students of color at all grade levels?

I would bring the curriculum to the community and make sure my constituents are represented.

What would you do to hire and retain more teachers of color?

Our district would need to build a more effective human capital system. We have to be able to adapt to shifts in our labor market and approach recruiting and retaining teachers of color more creatively. We need to have targeted outreach and use technology more effectively.

Do you support the establishment of Haven Schools in accordance with the Safe and Welcoming School District Resolution adopted by the School Board?

Yes