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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.

Every student shapes a successful future. Provide a safe environment for all and ensure competency of staff.

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

1. Equity in funding for all. Teacher law changed from "accountability" to teacher "responsibility"

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

More inform dissemination of info from National School Board Association (NSBA) in particular COUNCIL OF URBAN BOARDS OF EDUCATION (CUBE)

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?

Student support from ECE on to promote belief in themselves and their ability to succeed in public education.

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

Differentiated Diplomas; Badging ; Teaching to Individualized Areas of Interest; Increase paid internships with school credit given; Community Business Leaders teaching side by side with classroom teachers on a monthly basis

How would you determine top budget priorities?

FIRST STEP: Total community involvement; SECOND: Interactive Budget

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

Superintendent dialogue in legislative committee hearings; Citizen appearance and vocalization at legislative town halls; Publication of individual success stories and "Go Fund Me" appeals

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

Membership on District and School Level Accountability Committee; Formation of a citizen policy organization with parents, student, business and non-profit member; speaking at School Meetings; one voting student on the School Board elected from among all student councils; One School Board Meeting of Voting students backed by official passage by lawfully elected school board members

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

Attend workshops; Visit prisons; Have parole address a meeting of School Board; Flash the prison population numbers, especially those who have ever attended APS; Publish the real timeline of Supreme Court Cases that have effected education from the 1700's to date.

What is your position on charter schools?

They have their place. But PUBLIC SCHOOLS are just that...open to ALL

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?

Form an informed citizen panel to analyze it.

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

Recruit from within and without. Encourage our students with the need that they themselves develop the passion to make a change.

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

Yes