

**Johnson County Public Policy Council
2016 State Board of Education Candidate Questionnaire**

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Occupation/Work History (last five years - 25 words or fewer):

Retired school psychologist from SM USD 512, returned for 2 years to Basehor-Linwood HS as a school Psych. Now a targeted case manager getting home/community services for individuals w/ dev. delays.

Other recent political/community experience (25 words or fewer):

Precinct captain and member of JoCo Dem E-board.

If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list which organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held:

None

As a candidate, what are your top three education policy issues? (10 words or fewer per issue):

1. Teacher recruitment, retention, and licensure.
2. Expansion of early childhood programs
3. Maintaining strong standards for students

What changes would you propose, if any, regarding how K-12 education is currently funded and/or how that funding is spent? (100 words or fewer):

In the interest of moving this current court case to the next phase of adequacy I believe they should return to the old formula so that in 2017 they can take the time needed to create a new formula. It would also be my hope that school/community stakeholders will have input in the creation of this new formula. Local districts and boards should, ultimately, decide how their dollars should be spent, according to their unique needs.

Control over decision-making regarding, for example, curriculum, charter schools and funding, is being debated by the Legislature, the State Board of Education and local school boards. What your views on this issue? (75 words or fewer):

Though I believe the SBOE could be impartial and make responsible decisions, Article 6 of the Kansas State constitution states that "the legislature shall make suitable provision for finance of the educational interests of the state." Because the SBOE is not charged with raising revenue then appropriating funds should, logically, not be a responsibility of this entity.

What are your views on the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards? (50 words or fewer):

I support rigorous standards for students. As a school psych. I welcomed the inter-state consistency in expectations. I wrote (and received from other districts,) quality IEPs using the current standards. Since they are presently under revision by carefully selected, qualified individuals, I look forward to seeing continued high expectations and expansion of the social emotional standards.

What do you believe is the most pressing challenge facing K-12 education in Kansas today? (50 words or fewer):

Attracting and retaining quality, licensed teachers. There are many factors that have created this shortage/crisis but this single issue creates and/or exacerbates so many facets of instruction and management such as class size and meeting individual student needs (to name a few.)

What do you believe distinguishes you from your opponent in this race? (50 words or fewer):

I worked 38 years in public schools and bring a unique skill set to this race. I have served in roles: providing mental health support, developing reading intervention strategies and collecting data, providing positive behavior support team coaching, crisis intervention team member, traumatic brain injury team leader, early childhood and post HS transition programs. I work respectfully and cooperatively with other professionals.