

# Questions for Marin School Board Candidates

**School boards play an important role in education. Members represent the public in ensuring that schools are accountable and performing so that students get the best education possible.**

**All students regardless of achievement levels need access to early education, academic supports, and high quality college preparatory programs. Likewise, quality teachers with high expectations, parent involvement and healthy school environments contribute to improving student outcomes.**



## **Ask the Candidates:**

### **Academic Excellence and Equity**

What is your vision for the school district? What do you see as the top three priorities for the district?

What do you see as key barriers to reducing the achievement gap? How would you recommend addressing them? What do you see as the Board's role in improving outcomes?

If elected, what approaches would you recommend implementing to ensure that every student is prepared for high school and has access to college? How will you measure and monitor success?

Not all parents are able to provide early education experiences for their children. What is the role of the Board, if any, in leveling the field for incoming kindergarten students when parents are not able to provide this exposure for their children? If elected, how would you work to ensure that every child in your community has access to high quality preschool education?

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Many children need after school supervision and academic support and enrichment that their families are unable to provide. If elected, what steps, if any, would you recommend to the Board to ensure that quality afterschool programs are available to all children and youth in your community that need them?

What is the role of the Board in creating nurturing school environments? If elected, what policies and programs would you support to reduce bullying, promote positive multicultural school environments and ensure fair and equitable disciplinary action?

## Financing

In a period of reduced financial resources for school districts, what are your priorities for educational spending by the district? If elected, what core principles will guide you in making budget decisions?

How will you work to ensure that a quality teacher is in every classroom? What policies or processes would you recommend to assure this?

If elected, how will you monitor and support safe and learning-conducive facilities?

If elected, in what ways would you work with elected state and federal representatives to improve school financing and local flexibility and reduce inequities in school funding?

## Access to Healthcare

What role should the district play in assuring children have access to medical and dental care? If elected, in what ways might you support access to affordable health insurance and dental care for all students?

## Childhood Obesity

What role should the Board play in reducing childhood obesity? If elected, what wellness policies will you support? What more could be done to improve access to physical activity and nutritional foods among the district's students?

## Working Together

If elected, how will you engage your Board colleagues, the superintendent, teachers, students and parents in improving educational outcomes for all children in your schools? What do you see as the role of the Board and individual members in working with the superintendent?

How would you build relationships in the broader community to support the schools, including local business and county services?



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