



## 2023 Denver Board of Education Election School Board Candidate Questionnaire

Name:

School Board District:

Website:

Phone number:

Email:

Social media handles:

*Please note answers are limited to 1,500 characters per question.*

### General

Why are you running for school board?

## General (continued)

Please rank the top five most significant challenges facing DPS, in your opinion, and elaborate on how you plan to address the most challenging issue (rank 1)?

What specific experiences or qualifications do you have that make you uniquely suited to serve on the school board and does this differentiate you from other candidates?

## Denver Families Action

Why are you interested in receiving an endorsement from Denver Families for Public Schools Action?

We strive to engage the community civically and electorally in public education. Would you be willing to attend and present to at least one of our monthly member meetings?

## Role of the School Board

In your opinion, what are the primary roles and responsibilities of a school board member?

## Student Success

How do you plan to evaluate student achievement as a member of the board of education?

## Student Success (continued)

The achievement gap in DPS is well documented, particularly the impacts it has on students of color in the district. Please describe how you plan to address the achievement gap and what steps you will take to improve student success?

## Role of Community

How will you continually work with community members – families, parents, educators, and school leaders – to better understand and inform your decisions as a member of the Board of Education?

## Educators

What are three things you would do as a school board member to improve the experience of school staff in Denver Public Schools?

Does the district have a responsibility to prioritize recruitment and retainment of BIPOC educators? If so, why?

## Educators (continued)

If this would be a priority for you as a school board member, please describe how the district could recruit and retain more BIPOC educators?

## School Safety

What is your position on school safety, and what measures do you support to ensure a safe learning environment for all students and school staff?

## School Safety (continued)

What role should School Resource Officers play in Denver Public Schools?

## Oversight of the Superintendent

What metrics or criteria will you use to assess the superintendent's job performance?



## Oversight of the Superintendent (continued)

How will you know when a district program or decision has been successful?

## Oversight of the Budget

What experience do you have with complicated budgets? Please give specific examples.

## Oversight of the Budget (continued)

What will be your process of evaluating the district's approximately \$1.3 billion budget?

What priorities do you have concerning the district's budget?

## Denver Education

As a school board member, how would you work to ensure that every family in Denver has access to high quality public school options that meet their individual needs?

What is student-based budgeting? What are your beliefs concerning the district's approach to student-based budgeting?

## Declining Enrollment

Currently only 1 in 4 residents in Denver sends a child to DPS, and Denver's population of school-age children is on the decline. With enrollment numbers not increasing in the future, how do you plan to tackle the challenge of balancing enrollment across the district?

## English Language Learners

In your opinion, how well is the district currently serving English Language Learners? How would you improve education for these students in the district?

## Special Education Services

In your opinion, how well is the district currently serving Special Education learners? How would you improve education for these students in the district?

## Mental Health

How do you plan to ensure that all students have access to mental health support, such as counseling services, social-emotional learning programs, and other resources to address their emotional and psychological needs?

## Transparency

What are your views on open data and transparency of information? What kinds of school district information should be made public?

What specific steps would you take as a school board member to improve transparency and make school district information more widely available?

## Role of Innovation Schools

What differentiates Denver's innovation schools from traditional district-run schools?

What role do you believe innovation schools play in the future of Denver Public Schools?

## Role of Innovation Schools (continued)

How would you protect the decision-making authority of school leaders in innovation schools, while still maintaining accountability for academic performance and compliance with district policies?

## Role of Public Charter Schools

What differentiates Denver's public charter schools from traditional district-run schools?



## Role of Public Charter Schools (continued)

What role do you believe public charter schools play in the future of Denver Public Schools?

What is your position on public charter school authorization, and what do you believe are the key characteristics of a school board acting as a quality authorizer?

## Role of Public Charter Schools (continued)

How do you plan to work collaboratively with public charter school leaders and other stakeholders to promote student success across all schools in the district?