



NEW MEXICO BUSINESS COALITION

2021 Las Cruces Public Schools Board Candidates Survey

Name: Henry A Young

Q2

Please list your campaign website or other online sources where voters can learn more about you and your positions.

Respondent skipped this question

Q3

What district are you running for?

Las Cruces Public School Board district 2

Q4

As a school board member, what will be your top priority?

The students and parents. I would like to see family involvement in the education system. With the advent of COVID, parents are once again interested in everything that goes on at school.

Q5

When voting on an education policy matters, what do you think is the most important thing to consider?

How the policy will affect the students, family, business, and community.

Q6

What experience do you have in creating budgets and what will you prioritize in the Las Cruces Public Schools budget?

I am the Executive Director of the Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission and deal with a rather large budget each year. I would like to get more money to the classroom (teachers and material for students) by offering early retirement for some members in administration. The regular monies will be lower this year because enrollment will be lower.

Q7

Please provide your position on the concept of having the Superintendent's contract being tied to student outcomes and explain why you feel that way.

My position at the mission is similar with my board, but the Superintendent should be evaluated on the entire scope of his position rather than student outcomes alone.

Q8

What factors should play into a decision on closing or expanding a school?

The factors should include: age and condition of the building; student population (increase or decrease); infrastructure of the neighborhood; and crime stats for the area.

Q9

Do you support or oppose mandating that children are taught Critical Race Theory (CRT)?

Oppose

Q10

What do you think is the most important skill(s) a child should learn in school?

Social skills;
Communication skills; or
Basic skills of reading, writing and math.

Other (please specify):

All of the above because they are all needed in everyday life.

Q11

Should teachers be held accountable for students' academic achievement or lack thereof?
Why or why not?

Teachers should be teaching in a manner that will allow the students the best chance of being able to function in society when they get out of school. They are now being held accountable for teaching them to pass a government mandated test.

Q12

How should the Capital Master Plan reflect the trend of declining enrollment?

Declining enrollment means less money. I have seen the trend over the past 20 years to throw more and more money into the system to make it better, and yet outcomes are getting worse. I was a product of this school system in the 50's and 60's, and I know we had a good education with far less money.

Q13

As a School Board member, please explain your position in regards to involving business community members in advising how best to prepare students for future careers.

Not all students are able or desire a college education. Trades are an aspect of education that needs to be revived in the system. There are new avenues in the business realm where the business community can help students and their business for the future.

Q14

Please describe to voters why you are best candidate to fill a position on the Board of Education.

My age and experience in administration and teaching (private schools and adults), have given me a prospective on what can be done in education. I have had some life experiences (working with homeless) that few people have ever had the priveledge to witness.

Q15

Please provide details of any arrest record you may have.

None