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2021 Albuquerque Public Schools Board Candidates Survey

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Contact Information

Name: Lucas

Q2

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

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Q3

What APS district are you running for?

District 3

Q4

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

Creating policy that fosters a safe and effective environment for students and educators to flourish

Q5

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

Bias and inequality, merit and intention

Q6

What experience do you have in creating budgets and what will you prioritize in the APS budget?

I bring over 12 years of experience as a CFO for state; I have done every aspect of budget development, financial audits, account receivables and account payables.

Q7

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

Student outcomes are an indicator of district performance. It is incumbent on the Superintendent to meet and provide necessary resources for our staff and students to be successful. Student outcomes are a fraction of what the Superintendent is accountable for and performance should be weighed accordingly.

Q8

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

Enrollment, budget, age of facility, and proximity to other schools.

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?

Other (please specify):

Our schools should produce children who are confident to speak, read, develop relationships, and capable to enter into a career with purpose.

Q11

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

Educators have the most interaction with students, engaging with our kids while in the classroom, but parents ultimately have the most responsibility to ensure their child's academic achievement. If there is a deficiency the educators should have a stepped metric to inform parents, counselors, and the administration of student issues.

Q12

How should the Capital Master Plan reflect the continuing decline of APS enrollment?

The Capital Master Plan should encourage adequate spending levels necessary to ensure safe and comfortable environments conducive to learning and proactively addressing capital renewals and replacements. With reduced enrollment, overcrowded schools should have the ability to reduce class size by offering the ability to bus students to other schools to balance class sizes. School closures and a reduction of assets should be utilized as a last resort. While educators, students, and facilities are highly functioning, funds should continue to be allocated appropriately.

Q13

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

As APS graduation rates have shown, there are students who are disconnected and who do not finish High School. There are many who will not pursue a higher education or trade. It behooves APS to involve businesses and business professionals within the community to educate students of opportunities after high school. Internships, job fairs, apprenticeships, shadowing. These should begin early in the student's high school years to sample career fields they are interested in.

Q14

Please provide details of any arrest record you may have.

DWI 1st charged Mar 2016, conviction Jan 2017.

Q15

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

My experience as a Deputy City Clerk, and as a CFO for the State, provides a strong administrative background that will be an asset to the board. My experience in procurement, audits, fiscal accountability, and policy is what the District needs. I look forward to serving our community and getting APS back on track to serving our children and supporting their development.