



The TOP Thirteen Must Ask Questions for Legislative Candidates

Be an informed Education Voter, find out where candidates stand on education issues.

We surveyed education advocates and researchers, parents, teachers and students all over our state about the public education issues they believe are critical to supporting and strengthening public education. Participants were most concerned about the teacher shortage/pipeline, about making our public schools more equitable, and about the impacts of privatization policies on our public schools.

We summarized the issues they listed as important to public education in the questions below.

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- Do you support a moratorium on school vouchers?
- Do you support reinstating a cap on charter schools?
- Do you support restoring Master's pay & giving teachers due process rights?
- Do you support local school districts being responsible for authorizing and overseeing charter schools in their district?
- Do you support raising principal pay and basing it on experience?
- Do you support restoring class size caps for grades 4 and 5?
- Do you support providing a statewide construction bond to help pay for the growing backlog of K-12 school construction (\$8B + across NC)?
- Do you support a more equitable grading system for schools?
- Do you support keeping guns off school grounds and out of classrooms?
- How will you promote desegregation of our schools?
- Does your plan to help high poverty schools and students include raising the per pupil expenditures to the national average?
- Does your plan for teacher recruitment and retention include raising teacher pay to the national average?
- Do you support providing high speed internet & devices to all students so they have equitable access to online information as part of a high-quality education?

BONUS Question: Do you support fully funding the Leandro needed to fulfill the recommendations of the Comprehensive Remedial Plan based on WestEd's research and the Governor's Commission on Access to Sound Basic Education?