

2022 EDUCATION SURVEY

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Michelle Dombrosky

Dear State Board of Education candidate:

Thank you for placing your name before the voters for a position on the Kansas State Board of Education. As you know the BOE derives its decision-making ability from the Kansas State Constitution. We represent several major education advocacy groups that work with the BOE, the Governor and the Legislature to shape policy for the nearly 500,000 students and their families that encompass the Kansas public education system. We are providing a very brief list of key questions you will encounter should you be elected to the BOE. We ask that you take a few minutes and share your opinions on the issues. We will make your unedited comments available to our memberships, parent groups, and the interested public. This survey presents an excellent opportunity for you to address key issues confronting Kansas public education. We would like to have your responses by Sept. 9. Please email your responses to Scott Rothschild, Communications Editor at KASB, at srothschild@kasb.org. Thank you!

Sincerely,

United School Administrators of Kansas
Kansas National Education Association
Schools for Fair Funding
Kansas Association of School Boards

Governance

Would you oppose the abolition of an elected State Board of Education in favor of a system placing direct control of K-12 education in the executive and legislative branches of state government?

Wouldn't the abolishment of an elected State Board of Education reduce representative government of the people? I do not support less representative Government.

Do you support a "voucher program" which would allow for state tax dollars to be distributed to families for reimbursement of expenses to attend non-public schools in Kansas?

When public money is used to fund private (non-public) entities, the taxpayer loses any say as to how that money is used. As they are not operated/run by elected boards. This used to be accurately defined as "taxation without representation."

Finances

In 2019, the Kansas Supreme Court approved a constitutional formula for equity and adequacy with a five-year enhanced funding plan and a Consumer Price Index feature to maintain core funding for K-12 schools. Do you support the plan and specifically the CPI statute that takes effect beginning FY 24?

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Do you support increased funding for special education funding up to 92 percent of excess costs as directed by state law?

These questions may apply more to state legislature candidates as funding of Kansas public schools is the responsibility of the Kansas legislature. Elected members of the State board of Education take an oath to uphold the U.S. and Kansas Constitution and have a fiduciary responsibility to those who elected them, which I work to uphold to the best of my ability.

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Please use this space below to include any other thoughts on other priority areas of interest to you.

I would like to close with these words based on many of my public statements which can also be found on my campaign website. I have and will continue to advocate for Kansas parents' and guardians' unalienable, unfringeable authority to direct the education of their child. It is my personal experience that parents are empowered with liberty and a stronger voice when they are being heard by their locally elected representatives.