

Special Ed related questions to ask local candidates running for school board

Often, when children have a diagnosis that greatly impacts their maturity, social interactions and behavior, they are given consequences that, while in line with school policies, are ineffective. How will you balance the needs of students in this situation with school policies regarding behavior?

Recently, our government passed "XYZ Bill" which many feel will affect special education because...(fill in blank). What do you think our district can and should do to counter balance the negative effects of this legislation?

What do you think is the greatest challenge in xyz school district regarding special education?

As a BOE director, would you support a special education specific survey of all parents with students on 504 Plans and IEP's who attend neighborhood, magnet and charter schools in this school district.

I always ask a very general question like "What is your philosophy of special education?" You can tell a lot about whether they have put any thought into it or if they are just spouting back district policy.

Do you see the inclusion student as an asset to the classroom, or as an obligation and why?

What is your experience with inclusion and what do you think our school district can do to increase inclusive practices?

Topics: restraint and seclusion, teacher/staff mandatory training, FAPE, contentious nature of IEP meetings, out of district placements, alternative education, manifestation hearings, assistive technology.

Other (write in your own here):

