



Know Before You Vote!

How to find out where your
School Board Candidates Stand on Literacy

Did you know...

1 in 3

fourth graders

ONLY



are reading well enough to be on track for college, a career, or a trade.

Students who don't learn to read are...

- Less likely to graduate on time
- Face lower earnings and worse health outcomes
- Have a higher likelihood of involvement in the Criminal Justice System

**Source: 2024 NAEP 4th Grade Data*

The responsibility of a School Board is...

To ensure students are proficient in reading, writing, and math so they are ready for college, a career, or a skilled trade.

School Board Members have the power to...

- Hire and oversee the superintendent of schools
- Create and vote on new policies for schools in their district
- Approve priorities & budgets for schools in their districts

Ask your School Board Candidates...

1. Do you know the current third-grade literacy rate in our district?
2. What do you believe is driving our district's literacy performance?
3. What specifically will you do to improve literacy outcomes while you are in office?
4. How will you ensure schools implement instruction aligned with the science of reading, including explicit phonics?
5. How will you ensure teachers receive the training, curriculum, and resources aligned with the science of reading?
6. What systems will you put in place to monitor progress, celebrate growth, and move us toward 95 percent of students reading proficiently?

Check how your K-8 school is delivering on literacy rates here:

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