



Know Before You Vote!

How to find out where your Gubernatorial Candidates Stand on Literacy

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ONLY



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- Less likely to graduate on time
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- Have a higher likelihood of involvement in the Criminal Justice System

**Source: 2024 NAEP 4th Grade Data*

A Governor's Responsibility in Education is...

To propose the state budget every two years, which outlines funding and major policy initiatives, including education. The legislature then writes, debates, and passes laws, and the governor signs or vetoes them.

Governors have the power to...

- Decide which programs and priorities to include, expand, reduce, or not fund in the proposed budget
- Sign or veto laws passed by the legislature
- Use the line-item veto to approve, reject, or modify parts of the state budget and other spending bills
- Appoint members to the Board of Regents, which oversees universities that train future teachers, influencing how well educators are prepared to teach reading

Ask your Gubernatorial Candidates...

1. State law requires evidence-based science of reading practices. How will you ensure schools follow the law and recognize progress along the way?
2. What will you do as governor to lead a statewide effort so more kids learn to read well, with a clear goal of at least 95% reading proficiently?
3. How will you ensure teachers are trained in the science of reading, both new teachers and those already in the classroom?
4. Will you put funding for improving reading in your state budget, and how will you make sure that money leads to real results for kids?
5. Will you pledge to appoint at least one individual to the Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents with an expertise in higher education best practices that support early literacy and evidence-based science of reading instruction?

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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?

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