

2020 PLAC Candidate Questionnaire -- SAMPLE



For local PLACs as they engage primary, runoff, and general election candidates in state legislative and local races in your community. Questions may be edited to be serve your area. The end goal being to inform voters of candidates' positions on important issues facing public education. Questions could be asked in a discussion forum virtually and/or in written form. Written responses can be posted graphically side by side as a way to compare candidates.

- 1.) Share your motivation for running for office and the experiences you believe qualify you for the job. What do you hope to accomplish as a legislator?
- 2.) Our state is facing difficult budget decisions over the next couple of fiscal years. What philosophy might drive your approach to budget priorities?
- 3.) What is your position on tax credits?
- 4.) What level of accountability should be required for taxpayer funds when awarded to a private entity?
- 5.) What has been your experience with public schools currently or in the past? If elected, how would you research the impact of proposed legislation on public schools?
- 6.) What are the most important building blocks of a great school system?
- 7.) What has the Coronavirus pandemic revealed about our public schools? How can we address concerns or encourage innovations?
- 8.) The Oklahoma Constitution mandates the provision of a system of public schools. Do you interpret the state's obligation to include support for students or schools outside the traditional public school system?
- 9.) What is your position on public dollars being used for private school tuition either through vouchers, ESAs, tax credit scholarships or another method?
- 10.) How can Oklahoma support the growth of virtual education while maintaining accountability for funds and student achievement?