

1. How best can the district compete with charter and private schools? What are parents looking for in those schools that they don't find in TUSD?

TUSD needs to become competitive. Increase and focus on student achievement. Parents are looking for a higher quality of education, cleaner and better maintained facilities, playgrounds with grass for their young ones to play in, not dirt bowls like we have in a lot of our schools. They are looking for extra conveniences in our elementary schools, like before and after school care. They are looking for convenient transportation.

2. What is the status of the desegregation case and how does the desegregation money paid by all TUSD property taxpayers help to desegregate the district? Legally we have fulfilled our obligations, currently the Deseg tax has stayed in play to fund the departments created by the desegregation order.

3. Do you see a need for another round of school closures? Why or why not? What is the ideal procedure for school closures? Unfortunately community schools are not the driving model for new schools and TUSD needs to embrace a time of Pruning. Don't cut down the branch because, but clean up the dying parts so the living parts can grow and thrive and my hope to blossom to be something better. But this will have to be done in an intentional way and not out of reactionary impulses. this 1st round is to stop bleeding in our District on unsustainable schools. On all school consolidations and closures, we need to have a strategy for an end result, our process should be designed to achieve that goal.

4. What is the school board's ideal relationship to the Superintendent and to the school community (staff, parents, students, tax payers and community members). It is different for different people, for me it is to be accountable and surround yourself with results driven individuals.

5. What would you do about high rates of absenteeism in our schools? What sources have you found to consult on this issue? Revise the Code of Conduct to address this issue, while also tackling tardiness. Create an attendance intervention staff and have some consequences. For other sources, look at higher performing schools in Pima County that are achieving these results.

6. What is your view of the Director of Finance responsibility for providing a comprehensive budget book in a timely fashion? Should board members have the completed budget before voting on it? In my short time on the board the only Budget that I had received was the one that the CFO has put out over the last few years, before it was made more public that there was a larger budget book from past years. But yes the budget should be given on a timely fashion, and optics wise, the completed budget should be given to the board before they vote. But..... that does not guarantee all the board members will go over it with a fine tooth comb,.... or even open the book, and unfortunately that is the reality.