

General Election - AC School Board

Candidate Questions

Zane Norton

What are your top three priorities for the AC Board of Education?

My top three priorities for the school board are maintaining and improving our district's achievement standards, ensuring that the district's policies consistently comply with federal, state, and local regulations, and balancing the budget to guarantee that students, parents, educators, and administrators have the resources they need to thrive.

Early childhood education programs lay crucial groundwork for students throughout their K-12 journey. As a member of the Adams Central School Board, how would you suggest improving our children's early educational experiences?

Our district already does a great job supporting our children's early educational experiences. If I were to suggest improvements, I believe it is crucial to first hear from the community (parents, educators, administrators) rather than relying solely on my own ideas. Collaborative feedback would help the board tailor any enhancements to the real needs of our students.

With budgets being tight, what strategies do you suggest to reduce spending while ensuring that the quality of education remains high for all students?

Reducing spending while maintaining high-quality education is a complex issue. There are strategies we could explore, such as identifying alternative sources of revenue, consulting with the maintenance staff about projects that could cut energy and maintenance costs, and continuing to expand automation for routine tasks. These approaches could help the district manage expenses without sacrificing the quality of education for all students.

What other potential areas for collaboration between the Adams Central School Board and local organizations would you endorse?



I'm not entirely familiar with all of the district's current and past collaborations, but I believe it is crucial to maintain partnerships with local mentoring programs like Teammates and MentoringWorks. These programs provide valuable support and guidance to students, contributing to their personal and academic growth.

What relevant experiences or education do you have that would make you a strong fit for this position?

I have a degree in Mechanical Engineering and a master's in engineering management; I bring a strong foundation in problem-solving, strategic management, risk assessment, and decision-making. I believe these skills are highly transferable to the challenges faced by the school board.