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1. Student achievement in core academics, especially reading and math, should be the board's first priority when setting district goals and budgets.

RESPONSE Strongly Agree

As an educator and former Special Education teacher I truly believe that student success directly correlates to their understanding of core knowledge skills. Too often students are labelled with learning deficits and/or disabilities because they never mastered core concepts, they need to be successful in higher levels of education.

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2. Districts should use reading curricula built on systematic evidence based literacy instruction and not on three-cueing systems. (SF 59-2026)

RESPONSE Agree

I believe that as a core skill, decoding words should be taught to start developing reading skills, but three-cueing is another tool to teach. The key is to find what works best for students at an individualized level. If a child is not having success in one teaching method, then educators need to use all the tools and teaching methods at their disposal to help kids learn to read successfully.

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3. Parents, not the school, are the primary decision makers in their children's education, health, and upbringing. (SF 9-2024)

RESPONSE Strongly Agree

Parents should always be their child's greatest advocates and by doing so, they need to be able to take responsibility for all decisions regarding their child's upbringing. If a parent is uncertain or struggling to make those types of decisions, then educators should be willing to be resources or provide resources to help parents make the best choices for their child.

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4. District staff should promptly inform parents of any significant change in their child's well-being at school, including a request to be treated as the opposite sex. (SF 9-2024)

RESPONSE Strongly Agree

Parents should always be made aware of any changes within their child's educational environment. This includes changes the child has requested, staffing changes, schedule changes or anything else that can impact them at school.

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5. Parents and community members should be able to easily review all curriculum, instructional materials, and supplemental materials used in district classrooms. (SF 62-2022)

RESPONSE Strongly Agree

Schools should maintain a high level of transparency with parents and the community. This helps to build relationships and to create an environment of open communication.

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6. Students should receive sex education only with a parent's written permission in advance. (SF 9-2024)

RESPONSE Strongly Agree

I strongly believe that parents are the best judge of their student's abilities and levels of understanding and it should be at their discretion to decide when and if sex education is appropriate for their child. As a parent of a special needs student, I have the right to decide when I deem that type of curriculum will be appropriate for him.

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7. School libraries and classrooms should not offer sexually explicit material, while keeping age-appropriate, factual materials on human biology and health. (HB 10 Engrossed-2026)

Required: Please explain where you would draw that line and what review process you would support for parents who raise concerns.

RESPONSE Strongly Agree

Any reading material deemed sexually explicit should not be allowed in school libraries, however, parents should still have some discretion in deciding what they deem is appropriate for their individual child and the opt out program allows for that. Parents that are involved and regularly communicate with teachers and librarians can develop relationships that can help in making decisions about particular materials.

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8. The district should fully uphold Wyoming law that keeps girls' sports, restrooms, locker rooms, and overnight accommodations separated by biological sex. (SF 62-2025; SF 133-2023; HB 32-2025)

RESPONSE Strongly Agree

Wyoming laws should always be upheld.

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9. District curriculum, programs, and staff training should not divide people into classes of "oppressed" and "oppressor" based on race, sex, or other group identity. (HB 147-2025)

RESPONSE Strongly Agree

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10. Students should be free to express their sincerely held religious beliefs at school without fear of penalty or retaliation.

RESPONSE Strongly Agree

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11. The board should respect parents' freedom to choose public, charter, private, or home education, and should welcome homeschool and private school students in district activities as state law now requires. (HB 199-2025; HB 46-2025; HB 23-2026)

RESPONSE Strongly Agree

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