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Superintendent of Schools (Fresno County)

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1. Why are your educational qualifications, experience, and training for the position?

I have over 20 years in the realm of education K-14. I have worked in rural as well as urban school districts throughout Fresno County. I have served as a full-time K-12 Tenured Teacher everywhere I taught, as a College Professor, College Center Director, Director of Federal Grants, and Associate Dean of a College Center. I understand the issues in education and can best work with county districts to address the needs of all student; including our most vulnerable groups like special education students.

Qualifications (Education Experience): Associate Dean, Director of College Center, Vice-Principal, Administrator Designee, College Professor, K-14 Instructor, Tenured Bilingual Cross-Cultural Teacher, Dual Immersion Educator, and over 20 years of experience.

Degrees: Administration Services Credential, Professional Clear BCLAD Teaching Credential, Master's in Education/Supervision, and Bachelor's in Liberal Studies.

2. Why do you want to be Fresno County Superintendent of Schools?

I am running for Fresno County Superintendent of Schools to address the widening gap in achievement scores; the low “Pre-Pandemic SBAC Math Scores” and about 8% of Fresno County residents hold a Bachelor’s Degree. *Education is a lifelong endeavor.* These outcomes are unacceptable. Our student are not going to be able to experience the American Dream with a good education. I want to address these poor SBAC deficiencies and prepared our student for success.

3. What are your priorities regarding educating the children of Fresno County so they are prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? How will you achieve those goals?

**Education Priorities**

- \*Keep the American Dream
- \*Inclusion/Special Education
- \*Focus on Academics
- \*Improve SBAC Scores

In order to advance the above educational priorities, I plan to promote strong teacher/parent associations to improve collaborative efforts. In addition, we must plan to produce an adequate amount of math qualified teachers and special education teachers to provide appropriate school personnel on each field of study or subject matter taught in our k-12 public schools. Many school district administrators request teacher waivers to teach out of their qualified area of study leading to voids in instruction. Not having teachers teaching in their given specific area or specialty adversely impacts our students. These action will help place us closer to our goals of preparing kids for life with a good quality education. No do not want to be considered among the least educated cities like Detroit, Cleveland, and Fresno.

4. How will you address the financial gaps in education funding? I will make sure we have a balanced budget and keep the required reserved to mitigate any troubled school district within the county. At the same time, as your Superintendent, I will be proactive in preventing schools with financial problem to continue in such path.

The Fresno County Office of Education currently gains additional monies from local county school districts for contracted services in the areas of social emotional, special education, vocational trainings, career technical education, and additional enrichment learning. These county contracts and foundation projects/grants help maintain FCOE fiscally sound. I will make sure we keep a

healthy reserve to address any unforeseen fiscal calamities. We were fortunate to have received additional COVID-19 funding to address pandemic needs.

5. How do you balance the different philosophies of education (Teacher-Centered to teach basic skills teachers think are needed in society? Student-centered education to develop the student moral compass and allow each student to develop to their fullest potential?, Society-centered education to develop students ability to solve social problems and to develop behaviors that benefit society?)

We must ensure that all children received a well-rounded education in the classroom including: civic education, serve learning, pillars of character, and to learn authentic problem solving skills. I support all instructional deliveries of instruction such as teacher-centered and student-centered approaches. At the same time, other pedagogical approaches needed to be taken in account in producing globally prepared students. Pedagogies like Up level (formally GLAD Curriculum), jig-saw, total physical response/whole brain approaches, and other pedagogies that are gaining popularity in the classroom. I would encourage an eclectic approach because each child learns differently. Finally, I would keep the Depth of Knowledge among the instructional goals as well as the appropriate Lexile levels for each grade level. Another key element to maintain is the equal access to instruction via using multiple dominant learning styles approaches and primary language to enhance student learning.

#### Philosophy

There is no single most important issue than the education of our youth and future leadership of our communities. Education is the blood-line and heart-beat of our local communities, states, and nation. Without a high quality education and/or specific industry career training, our children will not be able to function, compete, or enter the new digital challenges of our professional industries. My philosophy as an educational leader is that students can learn: any place; anytime; and anywhere with the digital advances. I am committed to work towards improving our educational processes so that all children can inherit a quality education throughout the County of Fresno. As a leader of education for over 20 years, I will be advocating for all students to ensure academic successful in our K-12 public school system, promote “stand-alone” dual enrollment college programs, and advocate for strong Parent/Teacher Associations (PTA) in order to keep the American Dream Alive.

**Mission**

To prioritize all resources strategically to ensure equity, inclusion, academic skills set, and digital learning access for all students in the county in order to tackle future industrial market challenges.

**Vision**

All students will learn the digital knowledge and digital skills set in our county schools to compete and thrive in tomorrow's global economy job markets.

## CVPPAC CORE VALUES REGARDING EDUCATION

*Please answer "YES" or "NO" if you agree or disagree with the following 3 questions.*

1. There is value in having diversity in students, staff, educators, and administrators.

YES ☒  
NO ☐

2. All children are entitled to a quality education to prepare them for the 21st century

YES ☒  
NO ☐

3. All students are capable of learning and being productive members of society.

YES ☒  
NO ☐

4. Students should be taught based on the truth and facts.

YES ☒  
NO ☐

5. Government should enact and/or support increased corporate taxes, increased income taxes on wealthy individuals, taxes on global wealth, and commercial property taxes based on market values to adequately fund services such as childcare, public education, and public health.

YES ☒  
NO ☐



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**Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire for  
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools**

**CANDIDATE PROFILE:**

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