



The Education Mayoral Candidate Questionnaire:

This questionnaire for Mayoral Candidates is to be submitted and collected by United Way and made public.

Questionnaire

1. What is your vision for education in Los Angeles?

I envision an LA where 50% of our High School students aren't failing to graduate. Education should be a family oriented, 24 hour responsibility of the city, and every student, regardless of their age, should have the skills necessary to succeed.

2. What lessons have you learned from Mayor Villaraigosa's work in education?

What has worked and what would you do differently?

I've learned not to focus on the governance of schools. The Partnership for LA Schools was well intentioned, but focused on the wrong aspects of education. I will focus on service delivery and pursue solutions for all of our students, not just a select few.

3. As you know, low student performance significantly impacts a city's well-being. What are the 3 most important things you would do as mayor to improve our schools?

I would increase support for Early Childhood Education, increase educational and recreational opportunities outside of the classroom, and expand skills based training and education to employment opportunities for students of all ages.

4. As mayor, would you support John Deasy remaining Superintendent? Would you use your position to champion Deasy's push for reform – and if so, how?

I like that John Deasy has sought to shake up the bureaucracy of LAUSD and focus on our students. However, we must do more to increase our high school graduation rate and the skill level of our workforce. Reform is essential and I will advocate for it as Mayor.

5. As mayor, would you support charter school expansion in Los Angeles? Do you see a need to limit charter school expansion or charter school funding?

Regardless of the number, our charter schools should be purposeful. The goal shouldn't be to use our children as experiments or stroke the ego of wealthy donors, it should be to find the best methods for educating our students so we can apply

those methods to all of our schools. I support the best educational options for our students whether they are publically or privately funded.

- 6. Some would consider UTLA resistant to many of the recent reform policies that have been implemented to improve school performance. What is your opinion on this?**

No one is, or should be immune to reform. The performance of our schools and students is essential. We need to make sure that we are improving across the board, not just in certain places.

- 7. It is essential to include student achievement data when evaluating our teachers.**

-I agree

-I disagree

(Explain your answer.)

I agree. Student achievement is an important indicator of the success of their education. It should also include their test scores and student evaluation of the teachers' performance.

- 8. If you had a child entering middle school, to which school would you send your child? Explain your answer.**

As Mayor, the choice of middle schools will truly be "where would you like your child to go?" rather than "where can my child get a good education?" I will make sure each one of our schools can provide a quality education to our children. I would like to send my children to El Sereno Middle School where I went as a child. It's a place that is close to my heart, and seeing my children thrive in a school that once struggled would be a success story would make me very proud as a parent and an Angeleno.