

Isabel Hernandez

EPISD District 4 Trustee

As you read above is our statement of values for public education as the El Paso County Democratic Party. Do you agree with our statement, yes or no. If you do not, please explain.["Yes"]

Question 1: What motivated you to run for the school board, and what are your top priorities

I was asked over eight years ago to run for EPISD. Then, when I asked to run again four years later, I was in the right position of my grant writing career to say yes. I gave up my career to dedicate my time to helping children and our school district for the best student outcomes in our community.

Question 2: How do you plan to address educational equity across schools in our district?

I will continue to focus on the improvements of our developed student outcomes & provide support for opportunities & experiences with our vision & goals, system & processes, progress & accountability, advocacy & community engagement as a team

Question 3: What is your vision for the role of public education in our community?

In keeping alignment with the state's 60x30TX goal, EPISD is committed to a preK-12th grade goal of at least 60% proficiency at TEA's "Meets" standard at two key "checkpoints" along the state's public preK-12 grad education continuum: 60% of all students meeting the state's "meets" standard third-grade reading. In addition, 60% of all high school seniors graduating without the need for remediation and achieving 1) an industry-accepted certificate aligned with a living wage job; or 2) enrolling in post-secondary education; or 3) enrolling in the military.

Question 4: What are your plans to ensure transparency and accountability in your work on the school board?

I will continue to be transparent with our EPISD strategic levers (goals), essential actions (objectives) and key targets (activities). Our strategic levers support our district in achieving its' mission vision to our core values. Essential actions yield the most impactful gains for our school system. Our key targets are measurable and realistic targets which define concrete outcomes and determine how progress is measured.

Question 5: What is your stance on charter schools and their impact on public schools?

House Bill 3 requires our board to adopt plans in early childhood reading, math and plans for college, career and military readiness to be adopted by public schools. Charter schools do not have the same regulations and standards and as a result, may hire teachers which are not certified as teachers or teach in their specialized professions. Charter schools do not have to educate special needs students with disabilities and therefore, their schools can pick and choose who they educate whereas, our district educates ALL children.

Did you attend public schools? ["Yes"]

If applicable: do your children - or did your children - attend public schools?

["Not applicable "]

Have you received any campaign contributions from charter school supporters such as CREEED? ["Yes"]

Do you believe in Greg Abbott's Voucher Plan? ["No"]

