

# LA MESA/SWEETWATER SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

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Where The Candidates Stand On Individual Issues  
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Issue	Babbit	Fontenot	Lecko	McRae
<b>Align District School Schedule with Grossmont District</b>	SUPPORTS	SUPPORTS	SUPPORTS  Need teacher/community input	SUPPORTS
<b>Arming Teachers/Concealed Weapons</b>	NO  Present bond measures to voters for school safety upgrades	NO  Need proactive vs. reactive approach  More counselors  Address bullying	NO	NO
<b>Charter School/School Vouchers</b>	Need more oversight  Charter schools not doing good job  Concerned with religious-based charter schools	Neutral  Does not support vouchers	Concerned with public money to parochial schools  Too much lack of accountability	Not necessary professional teachers  Concerned salary not commensurate with public schools  They sound good, but problems with management shifts and changes
<b>Homeless Students</b>	Partner with existing city and county resources to expand services for homeless students	Partner with existing city and county resources to expand services for homeless students	Partner with existing city and county resources to expand services for homeless students	Partner with existing city and county resources to expand services for homeless students
<b>6th Grade Outdoor School</b>	Good if properly funded	Good if properly funded	Good if properly funded	Good if properly funded
<b>Support Student Walkouts over controversial issues</b>	Freedom of speech important  Not appropriate during instructional time	Teaching moment  Respect openness	Distinction between grade school and high school students  Students should be given good opportunity to address their fears, channel their fears	Classroom walkouts not appropriate  Stress importance for teachers to address student's concerns