

ADF Meet the Finalist Luncheon

Community Feedback - 3.4.2009

Mr. John Dilworth

Surveys Completed: 28

	Negative Evidence	Neutral	Positive Evidence
	1	2	3
Candidate is Student-centered	1	3	24
Candidate champions parental involvement	1	2	3
Candidate has the tools to turn around the schools in EBRPSS	1	2	3
Candidate has knowledge about and is open to alternative school models	2	9	17
Candidate will boldly address the issues of human and social capital	1	2	3
Candidate is a consensus builder and will work with stakeholders	4	8	16
	2	8	18
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Additional Comments

Question	Comments
Candidate is Student-centered.	"Seems very open to meeting with students"
	"Both his comments and record support his vision that students are at the center of schools."
	"This message/philosophy clear throughout his talk/answers -and clearly evident visibly in his dealing with the BRHS student."
	"Tangible and specific suggestions on student involvement."
	"Yes, firm believer in student feedback"
Candidate champions parental involvement.	"Glad to hear him mention parental accountability"
	"I appreciate that he places some of the responsibility on the parents."
	"Provided examples--also champions parental accountability as a member of the team!"
	"Obvious! He also believes in parental accountability."
	"He may make a few parents uncomfortable with his shared responsibility message but I think he has walked the walk in his own background."
	"Clearly he does. But what's the plan?"
Candidate has the tools to turn around the schools in EBRPSS.	"Seems unafraid to handle personnel issues"
	"...be in the places where courage does not exist... I like that."
	"Common sense approach"
	"Seems to--as well as has the will, interest, passion"
	"He's not going to be a mouthpiece for the board but has the skills to work through the politics."
	"I don't doubt the power of his personality but need more information on how he would alter systems, specifically accountability systems."
	"This is completely unclear to me. The evidence would be success in a comparable situation. What happened in Montgomery?"
	"Put on a good show but I'm not certain there is substance to back it up."

Candidate has knowledge about and is open to alternative school models.	"Seems to be open to charters"
	"I agree. Charters should not be given to people/groups that know nothing about education. It's admirable, but ultimately it's not educating children."
	"Not opposed to alternative models"
	"No charter schools in Alabama. Seems to have had negative experience with one in North LA. Uncertain of other experiences. But seems open to whatever alternatives needed to meet children's needs."
	"I especially liked his broader perspective of charters and alternative models--it's not about the model per se but the needs of the children."
	"But please note, candidate explicitly said that he did not believe that alternative models ("innovative programs") were necessary to solve problems. And he might be correct."
	"Not terribly strong, since Alabama does not allow charter schools. He is familiar with alternative schools."
Candidate will boldly address the issues of human and social capital.	"I hope so."
	"H.R. is the elephant in the room. The best intervention is a quality teacher."
	"Bold is the operative word--as are respect and accountability of all"
	"Respect may only go so far--he's going to need to make some very quick decisions about personnel."
	"Boldly, yes. I guess. Effectively? Can't tell."
Candidate is a consensus builder and will work with stakeholders.	"Obvious"
	"Absolutely seems to be"
	"I believe all constituencies will know exactly where he stands."