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Publicly Stated Priorities

- Teacher pay and retention
- Young 5s in all school districts
- Expanded vocational education
- Life-skills graduation requirement
- Affordable housing and streamlining development

How to Use This Sheet

Use these prompts to help the community ask clearer, more specific questions. These are conversation starters—not endorsements or assumptions. Pick the questions that matter most to your table or your lived experience.

Suggested Community Questions

1. You've called for paying teachers a living wage. What specific funding changes or budget tradeoffs would you support to make that happen?
2. What would success look like on teacher retention in District 20 after your first term?
3. You support Young 5s statewide. How would you help smaller or under-resourced districts launch those programs without overloading staff?
4. What kinds of vocational programs do you believe are most needed in Southwest Michigan right now?
5. How would you make sure career and technical education is treated as equal in value to a four-year college path?
6. You've proposed a life-skills graduation requirement. What should that include—personal finance, civics, job readiness, housing, or something else?
7. Housing costs are a major issue across the district. What concrete state actions would you back to increase affordable housing supply?
8. How would you balance faster housing development with local concerns about infrastructure, traffic, or neighborhood character?
9. What are the biggest pressures you hear from working families in District 20, and which one would you act on first in Lansing?
10. How would you work with builders, schools, local governments, and residents to move from ideas to results?
11. What is one issue where you think your campaign may differ from the usual political playbook, and why?
12. If elected, how will you keep people in this district informed and involved between election seasons?

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