

2026 Candidate Evaluation: Higley Unified School District

Evaluated by: _____

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Scoring Rubric:

0 - Insufficient: No response or incomplete answer

1 - Poor: The candidate's response was entirely out of alignment with the Chamber's priorities and values

2 - Fair: The candidate made several points that were out of alignment with the Chamber's priorities, values

3 - Good: The candidate made some points that were in alignment with the Chamber's priorities, values

4 - Very good: Most of the candidate's points are in alignment with the Chamber's priorities, values

5 - Excellent: The candidate is in complete alignment with the Chamber's priorities, values

INTERVIEW RESPONSE	Morris	Van Hoek	Wade
Enter a score for each response:	0 thru 5		
Question: What is one specific academic priority you would like to see the district address during your term?			
Question: What is one specific budgetary priority you would like to see the district address during your term?			
Question: School districts are experiencing changing enrollment patterns and increased competition. What does the district need to do to remain the school system families actively choose?			
Question: What responsibility does the school district have in preparing students for Arizona's current and future workforce needs?			
Question: What role do you see for partnerships between the school district and the Gilbert business community, including the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce, in supporting students, educators, and workforce readiness?			
Question: What do you believe is the Governing Board's role in establishing accountability for student achievement?			
Question: What does effective school-board governance look like to you? And where should the Governing Board's role end and the Superintendent's role begin?			
Overall: The candidate demonstrates a clear understanding of and support for the Chamber's priorities?			
Overall: Will this candidate professionally represent our community when working with the local business community?			
TOTAL:	0	0	0

Total Possible Points: 45