

Omar Jimenez (DISD District 4)



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Jimenez' score is derived largely from his written responses to DKF's candidate questionnaire, as Jimenez did not participate in our interview process.

Overall Score		D
Critical Trait	Description	Grade
Experience	Does the candidate have a history of successful experience with related problem solving? Does the candidate bring a valuable perspective to the board?	D
Board Governance	Does the candidate appreciate the distinction between setting policy for administration vs. micromanaging administration? Is the candidate clearly anchored by an awareness of the challenges facing DISD?	D
Independence	Will student achievement unequivocally drive the candidate's decision making, or will non-student factors play a disproportionate role in the candidate's decision making?	D
Urgency	Does the candidate approach Dallas ISD's student achievement challenges with a sense of urgency? Does the candidate have a tangible action plan for improving DISD performance?	F
Community Awareness	Does the candidate understand the Board's job relative to the work of others and know the tools at the Board's disposal? Does/will the candidate actively and meaningfully learn and share information with the community to improve DISD performance?	D
Knowledge	Does the candidate fundamentally understand Dallas ISD's student achievement challenges? Is candidate knowledgeable about potential solutions and related arguments? Is the candidate well-informed about school governance issues?	F

Strengths	Concerns
<p>Jimenez attends DISD school board meetings, follows the issues, and indicates a desire to improve community communications and build community pride in District 4 schools.</p>	<p>It does not appear that Jimenez' decision-making is driven by student achievement, and it is clear that he is ready to axe critical district policies around quality instruction to ensure that "everyone is happy." With only vague references to impact on teachers and no reference to potential impact on students, Jimenez' proposes remaking Dallas ISD's recently established teacher evaluation system (known as TEI) entirely — from "ground zero." Jimenez also claims that TEI is "doing the opposite of what it's intended to be." Jimenez also proposes eliminating alternative certification programs.</p> <p>It is difficult to see Jimenez having a positive impact on student achievement across the District.</p>

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