

## **School Futures**

Education is a very important part of the economy. Schools prepare people to join the economy successfully.

Which candidate will bring the best support for school progress? Ask the experts. Interview people who work in your school. Use this list of questions to take your interviews. If each student interviews a different teacher or administrator, you will have a good set of information you can use not only to figure out which candidate is more popular with educators. You also will know more about your school's future.

### Questions:

1. What is the most important progress our school has made in the past four years?
2. How has the government of the United States helped with that progress?
3. What are the three changes you would make to improve our school in the next four years?
4. How could a new President help us accomplish that progress?
5. Which of the candidates for President would be the one to support that kind of progress?
6. If you were President, what changes would you make at the national level to help schools?

After you complete the survey, make a table showing the different answers.

### Discussion Points

- What kinds of progress were most important to your school?
- What kinds of changes do most people want to make at the school?
- What's the connection between the election and school progress?

### Think It Through

Make a time-line for your school. Show the changes that have taken place during the past four years. As a class, decide which one is the most important kind of progress your school has made.

### Get It Across

Write a speech to support one of the candidates for President. The audience for your speech is the PTA. Include reasons to choose that candidate. Explain how the candidate would be the President to help schools make progress.

## ***Newspaper Connection***

Create an ad for the candidate you think is the one who would help schools the most. In your newspaper ad, make it clear that this candidate would improve education. For example, one Presidential candidate promised "a chicken in every pot" at a time when there was great poverty in this nation. You might use a slogan such as "a computer on every desk" in your ad. Include other reasons to elect this candidate in your ad, too.