QUESTIONS INTERVIEWEE CAN ASK

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- What types of media resources are available?
- What reading/math programs are currently used?
- What school counselors or public agencies are available to help students and teachers?
- What do you like most about your school?
- How can I get involved in building or extracurricular activities?
- What support exists for students?
- Will I need additional training to implement existing programs?
- Does the school have a computer lab, individual computers in each classroom, or both?
- Are classes self-contained or departmentalized?
- How much flexibility does the teacher have in regard to curriculum and instruction plans for each individual classroom?
- What are the staff development requirements/opportunities for your district?
- Does your district support full inclusion of special education students?
- What is the district's plan for remediating students?
- What special provisions are granted for gifted and talented students?
- Have any of the schools in this district been listed as at risk? Which ones?
- What support is given to beginning teachers in your district?
- What is the ratio of beginning teachers to experienced teachers?
- Tell me about the parent-teacher organization in the district.
- What parent/community volunteer programs are available?
- Describe the student composition in this school.
- What improvements would you like to see in your school and how could I help?
- With what community affairs/organizations do the teachers become involved?
- Is involvement in the local teachers' organization mandatory or optional?
- What functions would the school/community like me to attend?
- What responsibilities, other than teaching, will I be assigned during the school day? After school hours?
- Are there fundraising requirements if I sponsor a club?
- Approximately how many hours each week will this responsibility include?
- Is there additional compensation for this activity, or is it considered a part of my regular teaching duties?
- Will I be working alone, or will another staff member be assigned to the same activity?

Ask a question based on something you saw on their website.
Ask a question as a result of something the interview team said during the interview.

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