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Campaign 2024: United States Congress

Why Congressional elections matter to educators:

Politicians are making education more and more political. As a union of educators, we need representatives who advocate for public education and fight radical and extreme policies that deeply affect students and educators.

Engaging in congressional elections is crucial for educators as the decisions made by lawmakers directly impact education policies, funding, and resources. Elected officials can shape legislation affecting schools, teachers, students, and the overall education system. By staying informed and engaged in the political process, educators can advocate for policies that support their students and profession, ultimately influencing the quality of education provided to future generations.

US Congressional elections will be instrumental in achieving legislative goals for educators and fighting against the onslaught of policy that damages public schools and educators' needs including healthcare, labor, and gun control.

Congress is essential in accomplishing legislative goals that will ensure public education's strength and the needs of educators.

Some of these educator needs include:

- Regular updates to all components (base cost and local capacity) of the funding plan and fully funding public schools, including increasing Title I funding, increasing Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funding, and increasing funding for high-quality career and technical education programs
- Ensuring all Ohio school districts can fully staff, recruit, and retain their schools with qualified school employees
- Ensuring a living wage, preserving and improving benefits, pensions, and retirement systems for public employees, including educators
- Freedom to teach and learn without state censorship laws that inhibit students from receiving an inclusive, culturally responsive, truthful education
- Reforming the number and effect of mandated standardized testing
- Protecting and strengthening collective bargaining, due process, and continuing contract-tenure rights for public education employees
- Opposing vouchers, taxpayer dollars funding private schools, and the privatization of education and educational support services
- Holding private schools that accept vouchers to the same academic and financial accountability as public schools



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- Providing universal healthy school meals for all students and healthy nutrition standards for school meals and snacks
- Federal funding for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
- Making college more affordable for everyone
- Protecting people from being denied health insurance coverage or being charged more for coverage because of pre-existing medical conditions
- Ensuring common-sense gun safety

Endorsed Candidates:

The Ohio Education Association is endorsing Joyce Beatty, Adam Miller, Emilia Sykes, Marcy Kaptur, and Greg Landsman for US Congress.

Ohio's 3rd Congressional District:

Joyce Beatty is a former college administrator who fights to allow every young person to have access to high-quality education, no matter their zip code, nationality, or income.

Ohio's 13th Congressional District:

In Congress, Emilia Sykes co-sponsored the EDUCATORS for America Act and the American Teacher Act to provide resources for public schools.

Ohio's 9th Congressional District:

Marcy Kaptur is dedicated to ensuring affordable, quality education and strongly advocates for fully funding public schools.

Ohio's 1st Congressional District:

Greg Landsman is a former teacher and fighter for the working class. He led the effort to pass the Cincinnati Preschool Promise, which provides two years of quality preschool and has drastically improved school readiness.

Ohio's 11th Congressional District:

Shontel Brown is a Cleveland native and former Cuyahoga County Councilwoman dedicated to quality education outcomes for all and expanding access to school meals. She has also cosponsored legislation to protect workers against unfair trade practices, raise the minimum wage, and provide affordable healthcare for all.

Re-elect Joyce Beatty, Emilia Sykes, Marcy Kaptur, Shontel Brown and Greg Landsman.

Ohio's 15th Congressional District:

Adam Miller is a former public-school teacher, administrator, and school board member who understands the importance and needs of public education.

Elect Adam Miller.

