

## General Assembly and Ohio Senate Talking Points:

OEA rank-and-file members from the legislative districts and surrounding areas screened the Ohio Senate and General Assembly candidates based on their stances on the following issues and then issued an endorsement:

- Support for Fully Funding the Fair School funding program to ensure students and educators have the necessary resources and alleviate dependency on local school levies.
- Stop State interference in the relationship between educators, parents, and students to ensure students receive the necessary resources and an inclusive, culturally responsible, and truthful education.
- Lowering the amount of standardized testing
- Shifting the state's report cards away from being based on testing outcomes.
- Support for stopping the State from taking over school districts due to low test scores
- Preserving educators' pension, so that they have a secure retirement, and we can recruit and retain the educators of tomorrow.
- Opposition to privatizing educational services to ensure these remain good union jobs.
- Support for unions and collective bargaining to ensure educators receive fair contracts and have a voice in the workplace.
- Opposition to vouchers, voucher expansion programs, and holding charters and private schools to the same standards and scrutiny as public schools if they receive vouchers.