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OEA Campaign 2014

What's on the 2014 Ballot?

- Statewide Elections:
 - Governor, Treasurer of State, Auditor of State, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Ohio Supreme Court
- Ohio House and Senate Elections:
 - All 99 Ohio House Seats
 - All odd numbered Ohio Senate Seats
- State Board of Education:
 - 7 Districts

What is on the Horizon?

- Right-to-Work (Bill or Constitutional Amendment)
- Further expansion of charter schools and voucher programs
- Additional cuts to public school funding in future budgets
- Diminishing collective bargaining rights
- Future restrictions on voting rights
- Overuse of standardized tests
- Decisions on teacher evaluation

Vote Public Education in 2014

The future of Public Education and Worker Rights are threatened. Kasich and his allies have proven to have an anti-public education anti-worker agenda. We need to elect more allies and moderates to change the course of public policy in Ohio.

This November, we need to elect lawmakers who will serve the best interest of our students. We need to stand up to Governor Kasich and his allies and insist they do more to support public schools in Ohio.

Kasich's education policies have hurt our students' ability to learn, our public schools, and our profession.

Kasich and his allies have made it harder for students to receive a great public education by providing \$500 million less to our public schools, and more money for underperforming and failing charter schools.

Kasich and his allies don't support our right to advocate for our students. We cannot forget that Kasich signed into law Senate Bill 5, which deprived educators, nurses, police and fire fighters of their collective bargaining rights.



Kasich and his allies put too much emphasis on high-stakes tests. As educators, we know it's important to measure the growth of our students. But it's also important to inspire them to think creatively. Students should have the opportunity to learn for sake of learning, and not just to do well on a test.

Kasich and his allies have the wrong priorities for Ohio's public schools.

Do Your Part by Talking with Family and Friends

- Stress the importance of voting in the November 2014 election to oppose the anti-public education policies of Kasich and his allies.
- Recruit and train members on how to use the "My Colleague Social Organizing Tool" at <http://ohea.ngpvanhost.com>.
- Recruit members to volunteer for OEA phone banks and other Campaign 2014 activities at <http://action.ohea.org>.

Expect Tough Questions:

- "Not into politics" – Let them know the stakes—everything in public schools is political and we care about educator jobs and the quality of education we're providing students.
- "OEA only endorses Democrats" – Not true. We have a member-driven process and evaluate candidates on education issues. We've endorsed candidates from both parties. Kasich refused to screen. He's bad on our issues.

Talking Points and Facts from OEA:

The 2014 election is about defending public education.

- As educators, we've got to insist that our elected leaders work for our students - not against them. In this election year, we must demand that our elected officials provide adequate resources to our public schools.
- This means standing up to Governor Kasich and his allies in the General Assembly and on the State Board of Education that support policies that have provided less money for public schools, attacked the rights of working people, increased the punitive use of high-stakes tests, and provided more money for unaccountable, failing charter schools.

Kasich and his allies don't have the right priorities for our students or our public schools.

- Public education is the smartest investment we can make for the future of Ohio. It is the single best investment to grow our economy. With so many Ohioans still out of work or under-employed, we cannot wait for the economy to improve before we make these needed investments.
- Unfortunately, Governor Kasich and his allies in the Ohio General

Assembly and on the State Board of Education do not share this value. After providing \$500 million less in state funding for public schools, Kasich and his allies gave more money to charter schools that underperformed or failed. As a result, over three-quarters of public schools have lost funding and have been forced to lay off educators and reduce classes offered - ultimately limiting opportunities for Ohio students.

Kasich and his allies don't support the rights of educators and working Ohioans.

- As educators we cannot forget that in his first year in office, Kasich signed into law Senate Bills, which deprived educators, nurses, police and firefighters of their collective bargaining rights. Instead of bringing our state together, he tried to divide us by attacking public employees.
- Now, after his allies in the General Assembly have submitted "workplace freedom" legislation, Kasich refuses to take a stance on "right-to-work."

Governor Kasich and his allies use toxic high stakes tests to punish educators and students.

- As educators, we support testing as a way to guide instruction for our students and tailor lessons to their individual needs. But too often, Kasich and his allies have turned "teach, learn, and test" into a system of "test, blame, and punish." That's not right. It's not accountability, and it's not good for our students. We need to make sure we are measuring what matters and using our schools to foster and promote success of students.

Kasich and his allies have exacerbated the problem of unaccountable, failing Charter Schools in Ohio.

- According to The Columbus Dispatch, 87% of the students attending charter schools in Ohio are in a charter school that is graded D or F by the state. Despite this sorry record, Kasich and his legislative allies have put more money - some \$900 million this year - into underperforming and failing charter schools. There is little accountability and no effective oversight of these schools

Educators must organize their colleagues to vote for pro-public education candidates.

- This election year, we must make sure that every vote is a vote for our students, our future, and our public schools. Let's hold our elected officials accountable for taking real action on behalf of our students.
- Just as we did in 2011, we use our personal relationships to organize our colleagues to vote for pro-public education candidates.
- This year, we are asking you to take ownership of your vote plus ten of your colleagues' votes, and ensure that they vote for pro-public education candidates this November.
- By signing up at <http://ohea.ngpvanhost.com> members can organize their colleagues to take the pledge to vote for pro-public education candidates, send messages to members about the importance of voting in 2014, as well as make calls to OEA members across Ohio.

Educators must stand up and defend Public Education at the ballot box in 2014.

- This year, OEA members can access Campaign 2014 wherever they are comfortable. We ask that you volunteer to make calls to OEA members across the state, send personalized messages via email, Facebook and over postcards, and volunteer for OEA's endorsed candidates.
- Members can sign up to volunteer, find events near them, and find out who their pro-public education candidates are by going to <http://action.ohea.org>

NE Ohio OEA Endorsed Candidates Campaign Contact Information

Candidates need your help. Contact the campaigns directly to contribute or volunteer your time. Maps at: <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/legislative/>. Most candidates also have Facebook pages.

Ohio Supreme Court:
OSC Judge John P. O'Donnell
<http://www.judgeodonnellforjustice.com/>

Ohio State School Board:

SBE 2 Kimberly Redfern

<http://kimredfern.com/>

SBE 5 Roslyn Painter-Goffi

<http://votepaintergoffi.com/>

SBE 6 Robert Hagan

<https://twitter.com/Repbobhagan>

SBE 7 Michael Charney

<http://charney2014.com/>

CD 4 Janet Garrett

<http://janetgarrettforcongress.com/>

CD 6 Jennifer Garrison

<http://jennifergarrison.com/>

CD 7 NO POSITION

CD 9 Marcy Kaptur

<http://www.marcy.kaptur.com/>

CD 11 Marcia Fudge

<http://marciafudge.com/>

CD 13 Tim Ryan

<http://www.timryanforcongress.com/>

CD 14 David Joyce

<http://joyceforcongress.com/>

CD 16 NO POSITION

SD 2 NO RACE

HD 89 Chris Redfern

419-265-2302

<https://twitter.com/RepRedfern>

SD 13 Gayle Manning

440-327-1799

<http://www.gaylemanning.com/>

HD 55 NO POSITION

HD 56 Dan Ramos

440-522-1252

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HD 57 Matthew Lark

<http://larkforstaterep.com/>

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<http://www.rickwalkerforohio.com/>

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330-212-1697

<http://kathleencl Clyde.com/>

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SD 21 NO POSITION

HD 9 NO POSITION

HD 10 NO POSITION

HD 11 Stephanie Howse

<http://www.stephaniehowse.com/>

[my desire to serve our community](http://mydesiretoserveourcommunity.com/)

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<http://javorekforohio.org/>

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<http://www.callmefoss.com/>
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- HD 16 Todd LeVeck**
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- HD 8 Kent Smith**
<http://www.kentsmith.org/>
- HD 12 NO POSITION**
- HD 60 John Rogers**
<http://www.friendsofrogers.com/>
- SD 27 Frank LaRose**
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- HD 37 David Worhatch**
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<https://www.facebook.com/TimCrawford4StateRep38>
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OEA-R Fall Conference

Congratulations to the following members from NEOEA that attended the OEA-R Fall Conference on September 10th at the STRS building in Columbus. Ask them about their day and what they learned.

Lynn Aring, Debbie Bernauer, Beryl Burkle, Bill Dorsey, Marti Franks, Hazel Haffner, Peg Ham, Bonnie Harris, Hank Haynes, Warren Hershberger, Gary Hollow, Adele Matias, Emogene Neumann-Eriksson, Pat Sharkey, Donna Smoot Walters, Marsh Buckley and Lynda Curry-Huston were registered but could not attend.

Thanks to Homer Adams and Marti Franks who are our NEOEA-R representatives to the Ohio Alliance for Retired Americans.

Read Across America

By Beryl Burkle, OEA-R Advisory Council

"Oh, the Places We Go" for our NEOEA-R connection to NEA's Read Across America. We have been very successful reading in school classrooms, libraries and at other events during the first two weeks in March to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. Please join us in this worthwhile endeavor.

We want to double the number of readers visiting places for our children in NE. We want to make a statement that reading is fun, worthwhile and very important in their lives.

So now is the time to sign-up for the March 2015 reading adventures. We will need to finalize our plans during January and February 2015. Books donated by NEOEA-R will be given to each reader to take to their location as a gift to the class or organization. Make your own arrangements, then call/email me for any assistance or questions. Let me know who, when and where you will be reading because we want pictures, places and people to star in our video for YouTube. You pick the day, time and place.

Mentoring Update

Thanks to members who volunteered to be Mentors this year. The program is up and running at KSU and is entering its 7th year with Nanci Dibianca and Beryl Burkle in charge.

KSEA will also be holding an event for RAA in Kent with Education Students planning a great day for kids on campus. Our members can join in that fun too. Students can join KSEA, OSEA, and NSEA on campus and get professional guidance from our Mentoring Program.

NEOEA Day—Oct 17, 2014 Welcome Retired Members

Recent changes in the NEOEA Day program have made it even more appropriate than ever for retired members. Call a friend and plan on attending a workshop in your area.

The entire NEOEA Day Program is posted at <http://neoea.org/ND2014.pdf>. For more information, visit <http://www.neoea.org/NewsDetail.aspx?a=746>.

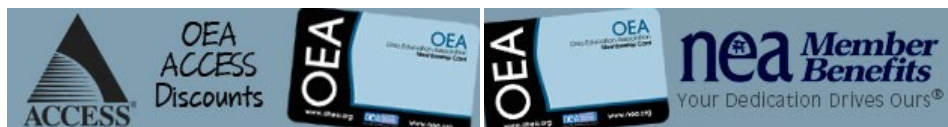
Retirement System Reports

The Ohio Education Association provides a periodic report on the three systems and posts the reports at <http://www.ohea.org/retirement-systems-updates>.

The OEA-R Advisory Council ESP Representative is Adele Matias (Mayfield EA-R). She attends SERS meetings and writes up her observations in periodic reports. We post Adele's reports at <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/sers-reports/>.

NEOEA Discounts

Check the **NEOEA.org** website at <http://www.neoea.org/MemberBenefits.aspx> for complete information on valuable discounts.





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NEOEA Calendar

- September 30** Depending on court cases, or
- October 6-7** Voter Registration Ends & Early Voting Begins, Support Pro-Education Candidates, Your Board of Elections or vote by mail
- October 16-19** NEOEA New York City Tour and Broadway Show, Bus Tour to New York City
- October 17-19** Niagara Wine Country Tours, Bus Tour to Niagara Falls and Niagara-On-The-Lake, NY
- October 17** NEOEA Day Professional Workshops, Various Locations
- November 4** Election Day, Support Pro-Education Candidates, Your local polling place or vote by mail
- November 8** NEOEA Representative Assembly, Highland HS
- December 5** OEA-Retired Delegate Caucus, STRS Building, Columbus
- December 6** OEA Representative Assembly, Battelle Hall, Columbus Convention Center, Columbus

OEA-R Delegates to be Elected

OEA-R members should look for their OEA-R Delegate Ballot in the mail this month. **Mark and return your ballots promptly to OEA.**

OEA-R members will elect 27 delegates to the OEA Representative Assembly from a field of 34 candidates. The 16 OEA-Retired Advisory Council members are automatic delegates by virtue of office, for a delegation of 45 delegates and 7 alternates by order of votes.

Please support the 19 candidates from NEOEA: Homer O. Adams, Lynn Aring, Debbie Bernauer, Marsh Buckley, Nanci DiBianca, William A. Dorsey, Marti Franks, Gail M. Gentile, Hazel Haffner, Peg Ham, Hank Haynes, Warren Hershberger, Norm Hillstrom, Gary Hollow, Donna Smoot-Walters, John Veverka, Pat Wagar, Nancy Wonson, Dillas York.

Delegates attend both the Fall and Spring Representative Assemblies of OEA while delegates from NEOEA also attend both of the NEOEA RAs. Prior to each OEA RA there is a delegate briefing with the OEA officers and reports from the OEA-R Advisory Council.

Looking for More Information?

NEOEA on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/NEOEA>

NEOEA Member Only Area:
Go to the NEOEA website <http://www.neoea.org/>, click on one of the yellow links at the top-right to register or login.

There you will find current and past issues of *NEOEA News & Views* and a link to the NEOEA Presidents' Page listing all downloadable NEOEA resources. Also available are the NEOEA Government Guide and the list of OEA endorsed candidates with campaign contact information.

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