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## What Can You Do for Campaign 2018?

Education in Ohio is under attack. November 6 is our opportunity to help elect pro-public education candidates who will put Ohio's students first.

- Every student, regardless of zip code, deserves a great public education in a safe and well-maintained learning environment.
- Students need access to modern technology and materials in their classrooms.
- Educators and parents need a seat at the table when decisions are made that impact classrooms.
- Every student deserves to learn from a caring, committed educator who has adequate resources and the professional support they need.

Early Voting begins October 10 and Election Day is November 6. Make sure you are registered to vote — check your registration at MyOhioVote.com: <https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/voters/>.

On the OEA Campaign 2018 webpage you will find information to help you, your friends, and your family to understand the candidates and issues. Go to OhioBallot.com <https://ohioballot.com/> to see the pro public education candidates on your ballot.

Go to [https://www.ohea.org/2018\\_endorsed\\_candidates/](https://www.ohea.org/2018_endorsed_candidates/) for links to these tools and resources:

- Take the ME+3 Pledge for Ohio's Students
  - Sign the pledge to support pro-public education candidates who will fight to address the needs of our students and educators this November and commit to talk to at least 3 friends, family members or neighbors and ask them to pledge their support. <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-up-to-help-organize-your-colleagues-and-family>.
- Where Was DeWine to Rein in ECOT?
- Campaign 2018: OEA Endorsed Candidates' List.
- Educators for Ohio — on Facebook.
- Caveat Emptor — Don't Believe the Lies.
- Why I am a Member of the Ohio Education Association.
- Educators Recommend Sherrod Brown for the U.S. Senate.
- Ohio Education Association Endorses Richard Cordray for Governor.
- Education Votes: Here's What's at Stake in Ohio in the Next Election. <https://educationvotes.nea.org/state/ohio/>.
- Ohio Secretary of State — Elections and Voting in Ohio: MyOhioVote.com or (614) 466-2655.

## OEA-R Delegate Voting Procedures Vote During October!

OEA-R members should look for an email and/or a postcard "**Vote now in the OEA 2018 Elections**" from "**Ohio Education Association** <[help@election-america.com](mailto:help@election-america.com)>". Everyone will get a postcard or an email with an explanation and instructions for requesting a paper ballot by October 15. The email and the postcard provide an "Election Code" and a "Voting PIN" along with a link to the voting page. Please vote online no later than Friday, October 31, 2018. For more information go to <https://www.ohea.org/ohea-retired-members>. For candidate biographies go to at <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/files/2017/09/delegate2018.pdf>.

OEA-R members will elect 28 Delegates to the OEA Representative Assembly from a field of 34 candidates. The 18 OEA-Retired Advisory Council members are automatic delegates by virtue of office, for a delegation of 46 delegates and 6 alternates by order of votes.

Please support the 19 candidates from NEOEA. Here are the candidates as they appear on the ballot: **Steven Mitchell, Lyn Curry-Huston, Nanci DiBianca, Nancy Wonson, Bill Lavezzi, Norm Hillstrom, Joyce M. Hives, Homer O. Adams, Gary Hollow, Lynn Aring, Beryl M. Burkle, John Veverka, Lynnette R. Harris, Hank Haynes, Terri Honer, William A. Dorsey, Donna Smoot Walters, Debbie Bernauer, and Marti Franks.**

Delegates attend both the Fall and Spring OEA Representative Assemblies. On the day before, the OEA-R Delegate Assembly meets at the STRS Building to carry out the business of OEA Retired and for a briefing with the OEA officers and reports from the OEA-R Advisory Council. Delegates from NEOEA also attend the Fall and Spring NEOEA RAs.

## The Governor Race

The contrast between Rich Cordray and Mike DeWine couldn't be greater. We need to make sure that our members understand that contrast and the importance of electing Rich Cordray. Our profession depends on this election. We can't take a chance that Mike DeWine could become our next governor. We need to do all that we can to turn out our members, friends, and family.

Please engage with fellow NEOEA members to ensure that they will vote for Rich Cordray as our next Governor and will support other pro-public education candidates. Bring your family and friends along on the journey in the next month—and more importantly, get them to the polls to vote!



**Electing Rich Cordray is about protecting students, public schools and your union.**

- We must elect Rich Cordray as the next Governor of Ohio. By electing Rich, we can reverse a lot of the bad things that occurred during the Kasich Administration – anti-labor initiatives, school takeover law, expansion of poor-performing charter schools, efforts to privatize school services, and overreliance on high-stakes testing to measure student performance and teacher evaluations, among them.
- Rich Cordray is OEA's endorsed candidate because he:
  - Will fight for fewer standardized tests and more state funding for public schools.
  - Will promote universal pre-K and free community college.
  - Will hold poor-performing charter schools accountable and would eliminate for-profit charter school operators.
- Rich Cordray supported our efforts to repeal Senate Bill 5 and as Governor will protect and strengthen collective bargaining rights.

**DeWine is the wrong choice because of his negative record when it comes to our issues.**

- While in Congress, Mike DeWine voted to slash federal funds to public schools – including voting for the largest education cut in history as part of the FY 1997 Budget Resolution and in 1999 voting to cut federal education funding by an additional \$200 million.
- DeWine failed for years to crack down on failing charter schools, like ECOT, as these poor-performing schools diverted hundreds of millions of dollars from local public schools.
- As Attorney General, Mike DeWine allowed private firms to charge Ohioans outrageous fees as they sought to pay off student loans.

**If elected Governor, DeWine would support the DeVos school privatization agenda.**

- It's no secret that Mike DeWine supports the DeVos plan to privatize public education through the expansion of charter schools and private school vouchers.
- While in Congress, DeWine voted to use

public dollars to support private school vouchers.

- And as AG, Mike DeWine was more interested in serving his charter school donors than the taxpayers. He received \$40,000 from the scandal-ridden ECOT and failed to take any action until well after ECOT's rigging of student attendance records had been exposed.

**Educators should urge their colleagues, friends and family to vote for Rich Cordray and pro-public education candidates up and down the ballot.**

- The election for Governor is going to be very close. To win, we must turn out as many colleagues, friends and family members as possible to vote for Rich Cordray and other pro-public education candidates.
- We must use our personal relationships to mobilize our colleagues to vote for pro-public education candidates.
- Please take ownership of your vote and the votes of at minimum three of your colleagues, friends and family.
- Sign the pledge and distribute cards so that others also sign the pledge. An electronic version of the pledge may be found on the members-only side of the OEA web site (<https://www.ohea.org/>).
- You may also find the endorsed pro-public education candidates in your area by going to <https://www.ohioballot.com>.
- Please join Educators for Ohio on Facebook, where you will find other information about OEA's campaign efforts this year.

**Campaign 2018  
OEA Endorsed Candidates**

Endorsements are made by OEA members from locals within the district. Decisions are made based on the candidate's position and record in support of OEA educational priorities.

Need to look up your House and Senate District? Enter your full zip code or address at <http://edadvocacy.nea.org/takeaction>.

Donate online now to FCPE at <https://www.ohea.org/donate/>. No dues money can go to candidates, only voluntary FCPE contributions.

*Names in italics are updates as of 9/26/2018.*  
\* Endorsed as a friendly incumbent.

- Governor—  
Richard Cordray (D)
- U.S. Senate—  
Sherrod Brown (D)
- Attorney General—  
Steve Dettelbach (D)
- Treasurer —  
Rob Richardson (D)
- Auditor—  
Zack Space (D)
- Secretary of State—  
Kathleen Clyde (D)
- Ohio Supreme Court—  
Judge Melody Stewart
- Ohio Supreme Court—  
Judge Michael Donnelly

- U.S. House
- CD 1 *Aftab Pureval (D)*
- CD 2 *Jill Schiller (D)*
- CD 3 *Joyce Beatty (D)*
- CD 4 *Janet Garrett (D)*
- CD 5 *No Position*
- CD 6 *No Position*
- CD 7 *Ken Harbaugh (D)*
- CD 8 *No Position*
- CD 9 *Marcy Kaptur (D)\**
- CD 10 *No Position*
- CD 11 *Marcia Fudge (D)\**
- CD 12 *Danny O'Connor*
- CD 13 *Tim Ryan (D)\**
- CD 14 *David Joyce (R)*
- CD 15 *No Position*
- CD 16 *No Position*

- State Board of Education
- District 2 *Vicki Donovan-Lyle*
- District 3 *Dawn Wojcik*
- District 4 *Pat Bruns\**
- District 7 *No Position*
- District 8 *Kathleen Purdy*

- Ohio House update
- HD 15 *Jeffrey Crossman (D)*

**Ohio Education Association  
Strongly Endorses Issue 1**

You've likely been hearing a lot about Issue 1 on this year's ballot. Some of it is simply untrue. Please know that you can get information about what's true and what's not by going to FAQs about Issue 1.

Mike DeWine and his campaign have spread misinformation about Issue 1 to attack Rich Cordray. The simple fact is that Issue 1 would not change the laws that provide for the incarceration of people who are convicted of serious crimes such as murder, rape, and child molestation. A broad, bipartisan coalition of community, faith, law enforcement, and business groups has formed to support this measure and help Ohio improve safety and reduce prison costs.

Again, read the FAQ sheet before you vote on Issue 1: <https://www.ohea.org/cms/assets/uploads/2018/09/Issue-1-FAQs.pdf>; <https://yesononeoh.com/>.

OEA press release: <https://www.ohea.org/press-releases/2018/ohio-education-association-strongly-endorses-issue-1/>.

**Ways to Engage with Members:**

**Phone Bank at Home or Knock on Doors**  
If you are willing to help, please let us know by using this form and we will prepare a list for you to download. With that list, you can go door-to-door or you can phone people through the MiniVAN app downloaded to your smartphone. You will be sent training tools to help you access your list. We also will be in touch on how you can obtain canvass literature. <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/adopt-a-canvass>.

**Upcoming Events**

- RSVP for Weekends of Action
- October 6, 9:30-12:00 and October 7, 1:00-3:30—launching from the NEOEA office in Garfield Heights.
  - October 20, 10:00-1:00 and October 21, 10:00-1:00—launching from the OEA Middleburg Heights office and the NEOEA office in Mayfield Heights.

**RSVP for Educator for Ohio Phone Banks OEA Middleburg Heights**

Unless there is a special phone bank scheduled at one of these locations, all shifts will run from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We ask that phone bank volunteers show up 15 minutes before the start of the shift to receive a brief training on how to use the phone bank system.

**NEOEA DAY—October 12**

Download the complete NEOEA Day Catalog at <http://www.neoea.org/ND2018.pdf>.

**Help Books Change Lives at the Book Bank!**

- Program #13
- Place: Cleveland Kids’ Book Bank, 3635 Perkins Avenue, #1E, Cleveland, OH 44114
- Time: 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Chairpersons: Nanci DiBianca and Joyce Hives
- AGENDA: Cleveland Kids’ Book Bank (<http://www.kidsbookbank.org/>) promotes reading and literacy by working with community agencies, setting up and maintaining Little Free Libraries, and making books available at schools, pediatricians, childcare centers, and after-school programs. On NEOEA Day, we’ll help sort, clean, and repair books at the Book Bank and (optional) enjoy lunch at one of the restaurants in the Midtown area.
- RESERVATIONS: Cost: None (lunch optional). Send reservation form to Nanci DiBianca, 8018 Risdan Road, Vermilion, OH 44089-9261. For further information contact Nanci DiBianca at [rcfd871@gmail.com](mailto:rcfd871@gmail.com) or 216-406-9152. Deadline: Oct. 5, 2018. (Limited to 16 participants.)

**I Wish Someone Would Have Told Me... – Get Financial Answers Now**

- Program #28
- Place: Garfield Hts. Branch of Cuyahoga Co. Library, 5409 Turney Rd., Garfield Hts., OH 44125 Time: 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Chairperson: Dennis Lewis, NEOEA Personal Welfare / Financial Planning Chairperson
- AGENDA: Education personnel have access to retirement systems and benefits that provide a basic income at retirement. But did you know that income at full retirement status is generally 60-70% of active workplace compensation? Most people will want a supplemental income to maintain their standard of living in retirement. And, during one’s career, living comfortably is also a desired outcome. Most financial events in life can be accommodated with

proper planning. This presentation will address the broad general topic of financial planning, supplemental retirement and investment plans and how they can help education employees – from an educational – not a marketing – perspective. Attend this program and learn:

- Why financial planning is so important
- Basic steps in the financial planning process
- How to use the power of compounding to work to your best advantage
- RESERVATIONS: Cost: None. Send registration form to Dennis Lewis, P. O. Box 360426, Cleveland, OH 44136. For further information, contact Dennis Lewis at [finance@peaoffice.org](mailto:finance@peaoffice.org) or 440-572-3472. Deadline: Oct. 9, 2018. (Limited to 35 participants.)

**GREAT SHOWS AT CLEVELAND PLAY HOUSE**

*Sweat* — Saturday, October 13

- The American Dream has its back up against the wall in this Pulitzer Prize-winning drama. In Reading, PA, there’s talk of union lock-outs, massive lay-offs, and jobs going overseas. As rumors quickly become reality, a group of life-long friends gather at their local bar to joke and blow off steam while struggling to stand together as everything else falls apart. Inspired by true stories, *Sweat* is a compelling portrait of pride and survival in the Rust Belt. NOTE: *Sweat* has strong language, including racial slurs and on-stage violence. Reservations due by Friday, October 5. <http://www.neoea.org/CPH-Sweat.pdf>.

*A Christmas Story* — Saturday, November 24 or December 1

- He’s back! One boy. One holiday wish. And a world that seems to be conspiring to make certain it doesn’t come true. The record-breaking show returns to the CPH stage in all its pink-bunny-suit, glowing-leg-lamp, triple-dog-daring glory. The perfect holiday treat for the entire family. Reservations due by Friday, November 9. <http://www.neoea.org/CPH-ACS.pdf>.



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**NEOEA Discounts**

Check the **NEOEA.org** website for complete information on these valuable discounts visit <http://neoea.org/resources/member-benefits/>.

- **OEA Attorney Referral Program:** login at the OEA Member Services page for free half hour and 30% discount. <https://www.ohea.org/legal-services>.
- **Best Benefits Club:** Best Benefits Club offers excellent discounts on quality products and services from mortgages, food, clothing, auto purchase/lease/repair and insurance to theaters, amusement parks, sporting events, and more. <http://www.bbcmember.com/> use the activation code NEOEA0613. For more information call BBC at 330-273-5756.
- **Bright Now! Dental:** NEOEA has an exclusive discount on general and specialty dental care. You will experience cost savings of up to 35% on general dentistry and 30% on specialty dentistry. There are 7 locations in Cleveland. Evening and weekend hours. <https://www.brightnow.com/>.
- **Dollar Bank:** Special Rates for NEOEA

Members. <http://www.dollarbank.com/neoea/>.

- **Liberty Mutual:** Special Rates for NEOEA Members. <https://www.libertymutual.com/neoea>.
- **Energy Price Choice:** An unbiased energy marketplace that compares energy prices automatically for you. <https://neoea.org/announce/energy-price-choice/>.
- **Park Place:** Discount airport parking. <http://www.neoea.org/ParkPlace.pdf>.
- **Playhouse Square:** Tickets at a discounted rate with a flat \$7 handling fee. Use the promotional code FAMTIX; then select NEOEA. <http://www.playhousesquare.org/ceo>.
- **Great Lakes Science Center:** Join their educator membership program and share your love of science with your family! Enjoy free, unlimited general admission to the Science Center and the Mather Steamship for a full year plus free general admission to more than 340 science centers worldwide. For information on their discounted educator memberships, call 216-696-4576 or visit <http://www.greatscience.com/educators.aspx>.

**Need to Update Your Contact Information?**

Update your contact information with OEA at: 1-844-OEA-info (1 844 632 4636) or [membership@ohea.org](mailto:membership@ohea.org).

**NEOEA Calendar**

- October 11-14** NEOEA New York City Tour
- October 12-14** NEOEA Virginia Hidden Gems and Historic Quint Towns Tour
- October 12** NEOEA Day Professional Workshops
- November 6** General Election Day Support Pro-Education Candidates
- November 10** NEOEA Representative Assembly, Brookside HS, Sheffield Lake
- November 30** OEA Retired Delegate Assembly, STRS Building, Columbus
- December 1** OEA Representative Assembly, Ohio Expo, Voinovich Center