

MEA ELECTION 2026 VOTER GUIDE

On or before Election Day on Nov. 3, it's crucial that MEA members – and your family and friends – vote for pro-education, pro-labor candidates.

The last time Michigan had a pro-education majority in the House, Senate, and Governor's office, educators made great strides to regain rights and create a brighter future for students. This included:

- *Fixing the state's broken teacher evaluation law.*
- *Restoring prohibited subjects of bargaining, including teacher placement, evaluation, support staff privatization and more.*
- *Rolling back the unfair tax on retired school employees' pensions.*
- *Implementing free school breakfast and lunch for all students.*
- *Increasing investments in student mental health support, student loan forgiveness for educators, school safety, educator recruitment, rural transportation and more.*

These victories were hard won, but we're not done. We can either continue this progress in 2027 by regaining pro-education control, or education opponents could undo all of these gains. Learn more at MEA.org/HardWonNotDone.

Make Your Voice Heard – Make Your Plan to Vote!



Visit the “Plan to Vote” area of MEAVotes.org for step-by-step instructions and resources to make your voice heard!

MEAVotes.org



1 Are you registered to vote?

If you're not registered at your current address, you can register online until 14 days before the election or with your local clerk through Election Day.

2 Who are you supporting?

Find MEA recommended candidates near you with the Online Voter Guide at MEAVotes.org.

3 How will you vote?

Vote from home with an absentee ballot. Vote early in-person at your local clerk starting Saturday, Oct. 24. Vote at the polls on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Learn more about all three options at MEAVotes.org.

4 When will you vote?

If voting absentee by mail, do so as soon as possible – or use a secure, approved ballot drop box provided by your local clerk. Look up your clerk's office or polling place at MEAVotes.org.

5 Know your rights!

With threats to voting rights, be informed and prepared by visiting MichiganVoting.org. Get answers about timelines, student voting rules, ID requirements, what to do if you feel your voting rights are challenged, and more.

Visit MEAVotes.org to search for local recommended candidates, find resources to plan – and protect – your vote, and give to MEA-PAC!

MEA STATEWIDE S&R COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

MEA's Screening & Recommendation (S&R) Process places control of MEA political recommendations in the hands of MEA members from across the state from diverse backgrounds and roles within the public education community.

The process is governed by the MEA Political Action Committee (MEA-PAC) Council, made up of local delegates from MEA's 60+ coordinating councils.

Recommendation decisions are based on candidate responses to questionnaires and interviews regarding education and labor issues only.

Recommendations at the state level are made by the Statewide S&R Committee, which is composed of elected members from various parts of the state and job classifications.

The S&R process for legislative districts is controlled at the local level, where interviews and recommendation votes are taken by MEA members from those jurisdictions serving on local S&R Committees.

Recommendations for federal offices must also be confirmed by the board of the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education.



STATEWIDE

Governor / Lieutenant Governor
Jocelyn Benson / Winnie Brinks

United States Senate
Abdul El-Sayed

Secretary of State
Garlin Gilchrist II

Attorney General
Eli Savit

Michigan Supreme Court
Justice Megan Kathleen Cavanagh
Justice Noah P. Hood

State Board of Education
Judith Pritchett | Tiffany Tilley

Michigan State University Board of Trustees
Brianna Scott | Kelly Tebay Zemke

University of Michigan Board of Regents
Paul Brown | Amir Makled

Wayne State Board of Governors
Shereef Akeel | Richard Mack

Proposal 1

Constitutional Convention (ConCon)

Opposed — Vote NO

Have voting questions?

Need to report a problem?

Call the nonpartisan Election Protection Hotline at (866) OUR-VOTE or (866) 687-8683, or visit MichiganVoting.org.

NOTE: If a race is not listed, that means the local Screening & Recommending Committee chose not to issue a recommendation in that race by our Sept. 28 publishing deadline. MEA is neutral on Proposal 2. Check MEAVotes.org for updates.

Prioritizing Reductions for School Employee Health Costs

CONGRESS

CD 1	Callie Barr
CD 3	Hillary Scholten
CD 4	Sean McCann
CD 5	Christian Vukasovich
CD 6	Debbie Dingell
CD 7	William Lawrence
CD 8	Kristen McDonald Rivet
CD 10	Christina Bertrand Hines
CD 11	Jeremy Moss
CD 12	Rashida Tlaib
CD 13	Donavan McKinney

After the delay and ultimate veto of legislation that would have addressed skyrocketing health care costs for public school employees, MEA asked all candidates their stance on the following MEA position:

MEA supports immediate passage in 2027 of legislation addressing PA 152 of 2011, which mandated limits on public employer health insurance premium coverage — including providing healthcare cost relief for educators, more fairly sharing cost increases between public employers and employees, and returning discussions about healthcare costs to local collective bargaining

We're pleased to report that EVERY candidate listed here agreed to make health care cost reductions a priority when elected. (NOTE: Judicial candidates were not asked as they are not allowed to take positions on issues without recusing themselves from future cases.)

And those already in Lansing are already taking action, with the Senate passing reintroduced legislation to fix the "hardcap or 80/20" requirement put in place during the Snyder administration.

Learn more, including how you can help make this legislation a reality, at [MEA.org/FixHealthcare](https://mea.org/FixHealthcare).

STATE SENATE

SD 1	Justin Onwenu
SD 2	Abbas Alaweih
SD 3	John Conyers III
SD 4	Darrin Camilleri
SD 5	Matt Koleszar (MEA Member)
SD 6	Mary Cavanagh
SD 7	Jason Hoskins
SD 8	Dayna Polehanki (MEA Member)
SD 9	Theresa Brooks
SD 10	Natalie Price
SD 11	Veronica Klinefelt
SD 12	Kevin Hertel
SD 13	Sean Carlson
SD 14	Sue Shink
SD 15	Felicia Brabec
SD 16	Deandre Barnes (MEA Member)
SD 18	Anthony Pennock (MEA Member)
SD 19	Julie M. Rogers
SD 20	Dale Murney
SD 21	Sarah Anthony
SD 24	Edlira Sako
SD 27	John D. Cherry
SD 28	Rashida Harrison (MEA Member)
SD 29	Abbie Groff-Blaszak
SD 30	Carol Glanville
SD 31	Chris Kleinjans
SD 32	Rebecca Amidon
SD 35	Chedrick Greene
SD 38	No Position

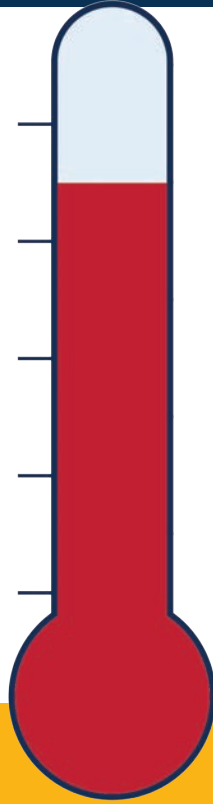
STATE HOUSE

HD 1	Tyrone Carter	HD 31	Shannon Dare Wayne	HD 68	Matt Schlinker
HD 2	Joanna Whaley	HD 32	Jimmie Wilson Jr.	HD 69	Jasper Ryan Martus
HD 3	Alabas Farhat	HD 33	Morgan Foreman	HD 70	Cynthia R. Neeley
HD 4	Regina Ross	HD 38	Joey Andrews	HD 73	Julie Brixie
HD 5	Candance Calloway	HD 39	Kerry Tapper	HD 74	Harold A. Pope
HD 6	Melanie Macey	HD 40	Matt Longjohn	HD 75	Penelope Tsernoglou
HD 7	Tonya Myers Phillips	HD 41	Jen Strebs	HD 76	Angela Witwer
HD 8	Chris Gilmer-Hill	HD 42	Nick Rowe	HD 77	Emily Dievendorf
HD 10	Veronica Paiz	HD 43	Alan Swank	HD 78	Rachel Gross
HD 12	Kimberly L. Edwards	HD 44	Jim Haadsma	HD 80	Lily Cheng-Schulting
HD 13	Mai Xiong	HD 45	Randy Davis	HD 81	Stephen Wooden
HD 14	Mike McFall	HD 46	Jan Maino	HD 82	Kristian C. Grant
HD 15	Jalal Abdallah	HD 47	Carrie A. Rheingans	HD 83	John Fitzgerald
HD 16	Stephanie A. Young	HD 48	Jennifer A. Conlin	HD 84	Khristian Silvis
HD 17	Laurie Pohutsky	HD 49	Dan Pelchat	HD 86	Joseph McClusky
HD 18	Kelly Garrett	HD 51	Stacey McDuffie	HD 87	Will Snyder
HD 19	Samantha Steckloff	HD 53	Brenda Carter	HD 90	Rachel Crowther
HD 20	Noah Arbit	HD 54	Sarah Pounds	HD 91	Frank Lafata
HD 21	Kelly Breen	HD 55	Alex Hawkins	HD 94	Amos O'Neal
HD 22	Lisa McIntyre	HD 56	Sharon MacDonell	HD 95	AnnMarie Horseman (MEA Member)
HD 23	Jason Morgan (MEA Member)	HD 57	Tom Turner	HD 96	Christopher R. Girard
HD 24	Ranjeev Puri	HD 58	Katrina Manetta	HD 103	Betsy Coffia
HD 25	Peter Herzberg	HD 60	Amy Gray	HD 109	Anna Aho Rink
HD 26	Dylan Wegela	HD 61	Denise Mentzer	HD 110	Brian Irizarry (MEA Member)
HD 27	Jaime Churches (MEA Member)	HD 63	Jamie Sonneberger		
HD 28	Sherry A. Berecz	HD 66	Ned Zimmer		
HD 29	Darian Counts	HD 67	Leslie Getz (MEA Member)		



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- ☐ **Volunteering For Victory** ✓ Knock doors, make calls, send texts
- ☐ **Donate to MEA-PAC** ✓ Fund friends of public education

PACtober Final Push: \$200k by E-Day



In order to meet our goal of helping friends of public education across Michigan win this November, we need to bring in another \$200,000 for MEA-PAC by Election Day.

Through our “political action committee,” we make contributions to MEA recommended candidates who’ll make students and educators a priority. Dues dollars cannot be contributed to political candidates — that’s what your voluntary contributions to PAC fund.

Less than 10% of MEA members contribute to MEA-PAC or the NEA Fund — our national committee that contributes to

federal candidates. If we only doubled that participation and collected \$26 for ’26 from each new donor, we’d more than reach our goal.

To help win at the local level, 40% of what you give is rebated to your coordinating council to invest in races near you — especially local school and community college boards that make a day-to-day difference for students and educators alike.

Go online to MEAVotes.org to make your one-time or monthly recurring PAC contribution today!

Vote NO on Prop 1 — “ConCon”

VOTE NO

ON Prop 1

Protect Our Constitution

Proposal 1 on the November ballot would convene a new Constitutional Convention (ConCon) to rewrite our state’s highest law.

The MEA Board of Directors voted to recommend MEA members VOTE NO on Prop 1.

The ConCon rules have no limits on campaign contributions to delegates or restrictions on what could be rewritten in our Constitution, allowing special interest groups and corporations to pour money into efforts to rewrite laws for their personal gain. Our Constitution could be rewritten to...

- *Threaten public school funding*
- *Expand unaccountable for-profit education and allow public money to pay for private schools*
- *Eliminate free school meals and other efforts to make public education equitable for all students*
- *Ban school employee collective bargaining that gives educators a voice in their profession*

You aren’t done voting until you flip your ballot and VOTE NO on Prop 1 to Protect Our Constitution. Learn more at ProtectMIConstitution.com.