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NJEA endorses Phil Murphy in the Democratic Gubernatorial Primary

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The New Jersey Education Association's 125-member political action committee (NJEA PAC) today unanimously endorsed Ambassador Phil Murphy for the Democratic Gubernatorial Primary.

"Ambassador Phil Murphy's pro-public education stance is in line with NJEA members' values," said NJEA President Wendell Steinhauer. "From high-stakes testing to college affordability to school funding, Murphy has a clear, well-thought out plan that prioritizes education and the needs of the school employees who have made New Jersey's public

schools a global leader.”

“Our members are passionate about public education, but they also need candidates who support their economic interests,” said NJEA Vice President Marie Blistan.

“Ambassador Murphy will help all working families. That’s what New Jersey desperately needs: a governor who puts middle-class families ahead of millionaires and corporations.”

“Ambassador Murphy understands that education is only successful with local input and engagement,” said NJEA

Secretary-Treasurer Sean M. Spiller. “He supports efforts to return control of education policy to local school boards and communities, and he rejects the idea that unfettered, unaccountable charter schools can solve the educational challenges that we must address.”

“New Jersey’s educators deserve a governor who will treat them with respect and who will honor the work they do in our schools and communities,” said Ambassador Murphy. “As a product of public schools and the brother of a public school teacher, I am proud and deeply humbled to have earned their support and endorsement. Creating the educated workforce we will need to grow our economy and create new opportunities begins with our schools. From ensuring our schools are properly funded, to living up to the state’s promises of a secure retirement and affordable healthcare, my administration will work in partnership, and with transparency and openness.”

Murphy has previously served as ambassador to Germany under President Barack Obama and was the chair of New Way for New Jersey, a progressive organization. He is on the national board of the NAACP.

The NJEA PAC voted to endorse Murphy based on his responses to a questionnaire and an interview with the gubernatorial primary election screening committee.

Today’s endorsement is the culmination of a months-long process that began in August when the PAC Board of Trustees took the unprecedented step to authorize a screening process in gubernatorial and legislative primary races.

At a later date, NJEA will conduct a similar process for the Republican gubernatorial candidates.



NJEA President Wendell Steinhauer, Ambassador Phil Murphy, NJEA Vice President Marie Blistan and NJEA Secretary-Treasurer Sean M. Spiller.

NJEA PAC Unanimously Backs Murphy for Governor

The New Jersey Education Association (NJEA)'s 125-member political action committee (PAC) today issued its unanimous support for 2017 Democratic candidate Phil Murphy. "Ambassador Phil Murphy's pro-public education stance is in line with NJEA members' values," said NJEA President Wendell Steinhauer.



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Murphy: End 'high stakes, high stress' PARCC tests

"The era of high stakes, high stress standardized tests in New Jersey must end, and I will see that it does. We must get back to the simple premise of letting teachers use classroom time to teach to their students' needs, and not to a test.

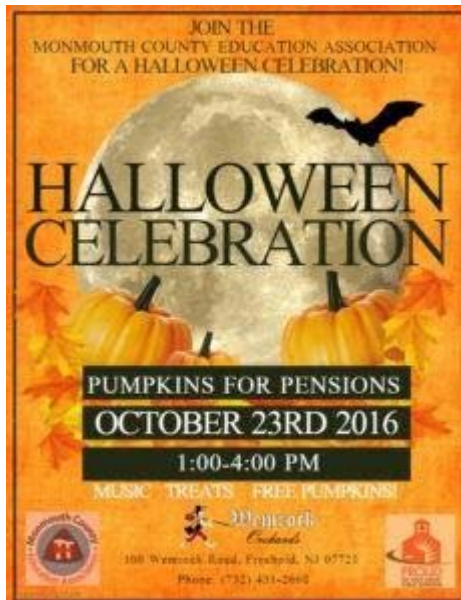
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7 reasons why Sweeney's not running for N.J. governor

TRENTON - State Senate President Stephen Sweeney was long considered to be one of the top Democratic candidates in next year's election to succeed Gov. Chris Christie. But on Thursday, Sweeney (D-Gloucester) made the surprise announcement that he won't even enter the race. Here is a closer look at what may have contributed to his decision.



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Pumpkins For Pensions

Join the MCEA on October 23rd for a Halloween Celebration. Pumpkins for Pensions from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Wemrock Orchards, 100 Wemrock Road, Freehold, NJ 07728.

Bring the kids for a fun time with music, treats, and **free pumpkins**.

In the News:

Here's how your lawmaker voted on N.J.'s 23-cent gas tax hike

TRENTON - The state Legislature on Friday passed legislation to raise New Jersey's gasoline tax for the first time since 1988. That tax increase will go into effect Nov. 1 or two weeks after it is signed by Gov. Chris Christie, whichever is later.



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Educators shine light on the effect of Donald Trump's bullying on students - Education Votes

Sign our open letter to Donald Trump to stop the bullying. [CLICK HERE](#) › "I am a school counselor in Iowa, and we have definitely seen an uptick in aggressive behavior that I believe has been given root by a campaign season full of racially charged and mean-spirited messages from people like Donald Trump.



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Murphy: N.J. Should Disinvest in Hedge Funds to Stem Pension Losses

Following news that New Jersey's pension system lost more than \$6 billion last year due to the poor performance of a hedge fund-heavy portfolio, one of the leading candidates to succeed Governor Chris Christie



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Transportation-Funding Deal Endangers New Jersey's Future & Fails the 'Tax Fairness' Test

After a months-long stalemate, New Jersey's three most powerful policymakers announced late last Friday that they'd come to an agreement on investing in the state's transportation networks.



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