

# NJEA PAC ENDORSED CANDIDATES 2016



On Nov. 8, Americans will go to the polls to elect a new president and their representatives to the United States Congress. New Jersey voters will elect 12 members to the House of Representatives. NJEA and NEA have endorsed candidates in 11 congressional districts. NJEA has also concurred with NEA's endorsement of Secretary Hillary Clinton for president.

Each candidate was screened in his or her congressional district (CD) by a committee of NJEA members who analyzed their responses in an interview and on a written questionnaire. If the candidate was an incumbent, his or her voting record was reviewed by the committee.

The committee's recommendations were submitted to the NJEA PAC Operating Committee for consideration. NJEA PAC's recommendation was then sent to the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education for final endorsement.

Endorsed congressional candidates were invited to submit a brief statement for publication in the *NJEA Review*. In addition, Hillary Clinton issued a public statement in response to NEA's endorsement of her candidacy.



**President: Hillary Clinton, D**  
[hillaryclinton.com](http://hillaryclinton.com)

"The teachers and educators of the NEA shape our future. By opening new horizons for children, they spark new ideas, innovations, and industries. Our educators are the frontline fighters building a stronger and more prosperous America—and I know it is not an easy job. NEA members work hard every day to provide the education and support our children need to grow and prosper. I know from personal experience that a teacher can make a profound difference in a child's life. My mother had a difficult and painful childhood, and when she didn't have enough to eat, her first-grade teacher noticed—and quietly shared her own lunch. Decades later, I am grateful to that teacher every day."



**CD-1: Donald Norcross, D**  
[donaldnorcrossforcongress.com](http://donaldnorcrossforcongress.com)

"Every child deserves a great education that's delivered in a safe, respectful and modern environment by our highly valued education professionals. In Congress, I'm proud to stand with the public education advocates that supported the Every Student Succeeds Act and will continue to strongly support early childhood learning and affordable, accessible higher education."



**CD-2: Frank LoBiondo, R**  
[lobiondoforcongress.com](http://lobiondoforcongress.com)

"As a father of a teacher, I have great respect for the tireless work of our educators and administrators to prepare our children for their careers and lives. In Congress, I will continue to work in partnership with NJEA members to ensure public education has the resources and support it deserves."



**CD-3: Tom MacArthur, R**  
[tmac4congress.com](http://tmac4congress.com)

“Ensuring that all of our children have access to a first-rate education, and that our teachers are provided with the tools and flexibility they need to nurture their minds and spirits, has been and will continue to be among my top priorities in Congress.”



**CD-4: Lorna Phillipson, D**  
[phillipsonforcongress.com](http://phillipsonforcongress.com)

“As a fiscally responsible social progressive, I will offer sensible leadership. My knowledge and leadership experience as a former financial executive, Silicon Valley strategy consultant and New York University professor makes me a uniquely qualified candidate. I understand the need to work across party lines to create efficient and effective bipartisan legislation.”



**CD-5 Joshua S. Gottheimer, D**  
[josh4congress.com](http://josh4congress.com)

“Ensuring that all children have access to great schools and teachers is critical if we are going to ensure that every child has an opportunity to succeed regardless of where they are from, who their parents are, or how much money they make. As a graduate of New Jersey public schools, the son of a public school teacher, and a parent of a child in New Jersey public schools, I want to make sure that my children, and every other child in America, has access to a first rate education.”



**CD-6: Frank Pallone, Jr., D**  
[pallonefornewjersey.com](http://pallonefornewjersey.com)

“Public schools and educators play such an important role in shaping the lives of young minds. I stand committed in my support of school employees and members of the NJEA who work hard to provide the best education for our children.”



**CD-7: Leonard Lance, R**  
[lanceforcongress.com](http://lanceforcongress.com)

“As a public school graduate, I am a strong supporter of public schools and will continue to be so. Our schools and students should have the resources they need to be successful and educators’ pension rights should be protected. I have been one of New Jersey’s leading advocates in this regard for at least two decades.”



**CD-8: Albio Sires, D**

“As a former teacher, mayor, and Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, I have and will continue to be a proud supporter of public education, the 1.4 million children enrolled in New Jersey public schools and the members of the NJEA who educate them.”



**CD-9: William Pascrell, D**  
[billpascrell.com](http://billpascrell.com)

“I believe we need to strengthen federal support for our public education system. We cannot underfund programs such as Title 1, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Head Start and still expect students to succeed. We also must address inequality and poverty more broadly, both of which contribute to lower educational attainment. As a former teacher, I understand how hard the job of an educator is. We need to devote more resources to supporting teachers, not demonizing them.”



**CD-10: Donald Payne, Jr., D**

“Public education is a primary pathway to success. We need to invest in and strengthen public education for every student. Teachers and students deserve to be heard and treated with respect. Empowering the next generation is crucial. We must support those who continually work hard to educate our children.”

**CD-11: No Endorsement**



**CD-12: Bonnie Watson Coleman, D**  
[bonnieforcongress.com](http://bonnieforcongress.com)

“There are no greater resources for our children than well-prepared teachers, quality school staff and a school that has all the tools necessary to deliver the excellent education they need. I will continue to work to invest in early childhood education, fight to strengthen our public schools and make higher education more affordable. I applaud the NJEA for its leadership and thank the association for its support.”

