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NJEA Endorses Corzine

Powell cites his strong leadership and commitment to public education

“When it comes to this state’s commitment to public education, Jon Corzine gets it.” With those words, former New Jersey Education Association President Joyce Powell announced NJEA’s unanimous endorsement of Governor Jon S. Corzine by NJEA’s

political action committee. NJEA’s 200,000 teachers, school employees, retired educators, and higher education employees will be active supporters of Corzine, Powell predicted. “Our members understand that Governor Corzine’s positions on the issues that matter to them, and to the students they educate, are exemplary. They also know he’s been a strong leader in very difficult times,” Powell

added.

“Despite governing during one of the most challenging periods in recent New Jersey history, Governor Corzine has been a steadfast advocate for great public schools,” Powell said. “When it came time to balance the state’s books, he’s made some hard decisions that will benefit New Jersey down the road.

“Most importantly, Governor Corzine refused to cut public

The Cat in the Hat can visit your school

Invite the Cat in the Hat to your school

Want a great way to kick off your Read Across America program? Would you like the Cat in the Hat to help your school celebrate? Then consider a visit from the Cat himself!



NJEA members can now request

a visit right online. It’s simple; if you would like to invite the Cat to visit your school, fill out the online request form by Nov. 15, 2009. The first 50 members who request a visit will even receive a great Dr. Seuss giveaway! Visits will begin in February and continue through mid-March. Depending on when the Cat is available, his visit may be the beginning or the end of your ongoing Read Across America celebration.

NJEA cannot accommodate re-

quests for specific dates, but will advise you in January of the Cat’s availability to visit your school. Visit njea.org often to get tips and tools to make your celebration the best it can be.

The deadline for inviting the Cat is November 15.

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Professional Development Workshop for Local PD Chairs

The ECEA will offer a Professional Development Workshop for local PD chairs and school based committees on September 22, at the Chandelier Restaurant, 340 Franklin Ave., Belleville, NJ.

The workshop will cover new PD regulations as well as the responsibilities of school based PD committees.

Contact Sandy Linton, ECEA Exec. Director at ecea@comcast.net.



Winners of the 2009 Pride Essay Contest

Kindergarten

First place- Tiffany Ramnarine West Orange
 Second place- Whitney Carson Orange
 Third place - Katherine Cummings Montclair

First Grade

First place Dayanara Machado West Orange
 Second place - Bryant Manuel East Orange
 Third place - Jared Garcia Belleville

Second Grade

First place - Truman Deagal West Orange
 Second place - El-Amin Bashir East Orange
 Third place - Katherine Heyman Bloomfield

Third Grade

First place - Samantha Francois Irvington
 Second place - tie
 Hanan Pickett East Orange
 Amarachi Onyeukwu Orange
 Third place - Gabrielle McCarren Glen Ridge

Fourth Grade

First place - Reva Rutherford East Orange
 Second place - Razelle Amante Belleville

Fifth Grade

First place - Monet Sheard West Orange
 Second place - Tie
 Stella Balsamini Montclair
 Emily Kellcher Glen Ridge
 Third place - Morgan Loflin Belleville

Sixth Grade

First place - Kristin Mucha Belleville
 Second place - Ayomide Mustapha Orange
 Third place - Katie Frohling Glen Ridge

Seventh Grade

First Place - Melissa Jean Orange
 Second place - Andre Hidalgo Belleville
 Third place - Sania Kamran West Orange

Eighth Grade

First place - Nick Mockabee West Orange
 Second place - Alyssa McPherson Orange

Ninth Grade

First place -Jason W. Moseley East Orange
 Second place - Bassir Baxter West Orange

Tenth Grade

First place - Mel Bandler Montclair

Eleventh Grade

First place - Angela Phillips Irvington



**Congratulations
 to the fine
 students of Essex
 County!!**

**Essex County
 Excellence in
 Education**

Become A Representative

Please consider becoming an association representative. It is imperative that the county information is disseminated among members of each local. The BEST way to provide information is through colleagues. The county rep meetings are held across the county at Essex county restaurants. Please check the ECEA calendar/directory for the date, time and place of each

meeting. Dinner is provided for representatives.

The rep council meetings provide important information concerning issues affecting public education as well as addressing issues affecting the membership of each local. The county meetings provide a forum for issues that affect all of us and our profession.

Each local is allowed one representative for the first 150 members and one rep for each increment of 100. Please consider joining the representative council to address the concerns of your district and provide important information to your colleagues.

See your local President.

Become
 A
 Rep



K-12 education spending, even while reducing state spending by seven billion dollars, because he understands that strong public schools are the engine for jump-starting our economy,” Powell said. Powell pointed to the \$300 million in additional education spending that Corzine inserted in next year’s state budget as proof that the Governor “understands that New Jersey’s children don’t get to vote, and that it’s up to the adults to protect their opportunity for a quality education.”

During his first term, Corzine has increased education funding by more than \$1.8 billion, and expanded the state’s preschool program – a key factor in helping to close the achievement gap between urban and suburban students.

NJEA’s 125-member PAC Operating Committee unanimously endorsed Corzine after weighing his record on a range of educational issues and determining that he had made significant progress in implementing the progressive, pro-public education agenda he ran on in 2005.

“Governor Corzine recognizes the importance of investing in public education and has taken important steps in that direction,” Powell said. “He has begun a much-needed expansion of New Jersey’s public preschool programs. In addition, his administration has committed significant resources to school renovation and construction, which will benefit students by providing them with safe, modern facilities and which will help New Jersey by providing jobs in this difficult economic climate.

“The Governor has also started the state down a road toward responsible pension funding practices, which reverses a decade of neglect in that area,” Powell said. “He has worked with educators to control long-term pension and benefit costs while keeping New Jersey an attractive place to work.

“No single person will be able to reverse the impact of the worldwide financial crisis on New Jersey, but no individual is better qualified to lead the state during this difficult time than Jon Corzine,” Powell said. NJEA’s PAC operating committee is made up of educators from across the state. The committee evaluates candidates for office based on interviews, questionnaires, public statements and voting records and endorses candidates who demonstrate a strong commitment to high quality public education for every student in New Jersey.

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NJEA endorses 71 candidates for Legislature 47 Democrats, 24 Republicans

The 125-member political action committee of the 200,000-member New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) has voted to endorse 71 candidates for election to the New Jersey Legislature this November.

The NJEA PAC Operating Committee (NJEA PAC) endorsed 70 Assembly candidates and one Senate candidate in 37 of the state’s 40 Legislative Districts. They include 24 Republicans and 47 Democrats.

“This is a critical election for public education in New Jersey,” said NJEA President Joyce Powell. “NJEA is pleased to support candidates from both sides of the aisle who share a common commitment to quality public education.” Last month, NJEA endorsed Gov. Jon Corzine for re-election, citing his proven support for the state’s public schools in the midst of the current economic crisis. Powell said Corzine and his running mate, State Senator Loretta Weinberg (D-Bergen), will be forceful advocates for children and public education.

“As a State Senator, Loretta Weinberg has been endorsed by NJEA every time she has been on the ballot,” Powell said. “She’s a proven, tenacious advocate for strong public schools, and has sponsored or co-sponsored many NJEA-supported bills, including numerous health care initiatives, child safety laws, and paid family leave. She is an ideal running mate for Governor Corzine.

“Now more than ever, New Jersey must continue to invest in quality public education,” Powell added. “In good and bad economic times, public schools are a leading indicator of how well local and state economies perform. In New Jersey, we’ve made a major investment in our public schools, and that investment has paid off. We lead the nation with the best high school graduation rate and our public schools are among the best in the nation in preparing students for higher education. NJEA is committed to supporting pro-public education legislators who will help maintain our successes.”

NJEA PAC voted on the recommendations of local interview teams from each Legislative District. The endorsements were made on Saturday, Aug. 1, during NJEA’s annual Summer Leadership Conference. The complete list of NJEA PAC endorsements:

- LD 1 – Nelson Albano (D) and Matthew Milam (D)
- LD 2 – John F. Amodeo (R) and Vincent J. Polistina (R)
- LD 3 – John J. Burzichelli (D) and Celeste M. Riley (D)
- LD 4 – Paul Moriarty (D) and William Collins (D)

On May 6, 2009, Gov. Corzine addressed ECEA members at the ECEA Legislative Dinner.



- LD 5 – Joe Roberts (D) and Angel Fuentes (D)
- LD 6 – *Senate*: James Beach (D); *Assembly*: Louis D. Greenwald (D) and Pamela R. Lampitt (D)
- LD 7 – Herb Conaway (D) and Jack Connors (D)
- LD 8 – Dawn Marie Addiego (R) and Scott Rudder (R)
- LD 9 – Brian E. Rumpf (R) and Robert E. Rue (D)
- LD 10 – David W. Wolfe (R) and Jim Holzapfel (R)
- LD 11 – David P. Ribble (R) and Mary Pat Angelini (R)
- LD 12 – No endorsements
- LD 13 – Samuel D. Thompson (R) and Amy H. Handlin (R)
- LD 14 – Linda R. Greenstein (D) and Wayne P. DeAngelo (D)
- LD 15 – Reed Gusciora (D) and Bonnie Watson Coleman (D)
- LD 16 – Peter J. Biondi (R) and Denise M. Coyle (R)
- LD 17 – Joseph V. Egan (D) and Upendra J. Chivukula (D)
- LD 18 – Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr. (D) and Peter J. Barnes (D)
- LD 19 – John S. Wisniewski (D)
- LD 20 – Joseph Cryan (D) and Annette Quijano (D)
- LD 21 – Jon Bramnick (R) and Nancy F. Munoz (R)
- LD 22 – Gerald “Jerry” Green (D) and Linda Stender (D)
- LD 23 – *Senate*: No endorsement; *Assembly*: John DiMaio (R)
- LD 24 – No endorsements
- LD 25 – Anthony Bucco (R)
- LD 26 – Alex DeCroce (R)
- LD 27 – John F. McKeon (D) and Mila M. Jasey (D)
- LD 28 – Cleopatra G. Tucker (D) and Ralph R. Caputo (D)
- LD 29 – L. Grace Spencer (D) and Albert Coutinho (D)
- LD 30 – Joseph R. Malone, III (R) and Ronald S. Dancer (R)
- LD 31 – Anthony Chiappone (D) and Charles Mainor (D)
- LD 32 – Joan Quigley (D) and Vincent Prieto (D)
- LD 33 – Ruben J. Ramos, Jr. (D) and Caridad Rodriguez (D)
- LD 34 – Thomas P. Giblin (D) and Sheila Y. Oliver (D)
- LD 35 – Nellie Pou (D) and Eleese Evans (D)
- LD 36 – Gary Schaer (D) and Fredrick Scalera (D)
- LD 37 – Gordon M. Johnson (D) and Valerie Vainieri Huttel (D)
- LD 38 – Connie Wagner (D) and Joan M. Voss (D)
- LD 39 – Charlotte Vandervalk (R) and Robert Schroeder (R)
- LD 40 – David C. Russo (R) and Scott T. Rumana (R)

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Attention educators: Important offer to combat spread of H1N1

NEA’s Health Information Network has teamed up with The Clorox Company to ensure educators are prepared to combat the spread of the H1N1 virus in America’s public schools. Starting Sept. 2 through Sept. 5, 2009, educators nationwide can visit CloroxClassrooms.com and get a free coupon for Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes, while supplies last. For more information on how to maintain a healthy classroom visit NEA.org. *Reprinted from njea.org*

Upcoming ECEA Workshops

9/17—P.R. & R. Workshop
Appian Way

9/22—Local Professional
Development workshop
Chandelier Restaurant

9/23 ECEA Membership & Treasurers
Training Workshop
Appian Way

10/7—ECEA Association Representative
Training Workshop
Mayfair Farms

ECEA/NJEA Fall Focus October 21

Valley Regency
4:15 PM

NJEA Convention

November 5 & 6

ECEA Hospitality Suite
Sheraton Hotel
11:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Book your room early!

NJEA New
Members
Week
September
21—25!



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