

EDUCATION 50

THE ROLE OF GOVERNOR is critical to educational excellence. Governors can make the difference between your child having access to schools that work, whether or not they are in your zip code, and whether and how the state legislature leads on ensuring that schools are transformed to accommodate 21st century solutions, from K through career!

In this brief at-a-glance analysis of the 73 candidates for Governor in 36 states and the 7 states with candidates for state superintendent, you can affirm whether your vote will count for - or against - the critical transformation needed in education today, where fewer than 40% of all students are proficient in every subject from math to History!

A check mark means a candidate is committed to opportunity or innovation, an X means he or she is not, and is much more likely focused on the status quo. A question mark is either they are silent on the issues or just not vocal, which is never a good sign for an issue that is the most of our time. Education is the key to a safe, secure and prosperous nation. The status quo cannot prevail. Vote carefully.



STATE	RACE	CANDIDATE	PARTY	FORMER OCCUPATION	CAMPAIGN SITE	OPPORTUNITY	INNOVATION
ALABAMA	Governor	Kay Ivey	R	HS teacher, State Treasurer, Lieutenant Governor, Governor.	https://kayivey.com/	✓	✓
		Walt Maddox	D	Exec. Director of Tuscaloosa City Schools, City Councilman, Mayor of Tuscaloosa	https://waltmaddox.com/	✗	✓
ALASKA	Governor	Mike Dunleavy	R	Former Teacher, Principal, Superintendent and AK State Senator	https://alaskansfordunleavy.com	✓	?
		Mark Begich	D	Mayor of Anchorage, US Senator	https://www.markbegich.com/	✗	?

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ARIZONA	Governor	Doug Ducey	R	CEO of Coldstone Creamery, State Treasurer, Governor	https://dougducey.com/	✓	✓
		David Garcia	D	Army infantryman, Assoc State Superintendent ASU Ed professor	https://dg4az.com/	✗	✗
	State Superintendent	Frank Riggs	R	Charter School Executive, Former California Congressman	https://www.riggsforaz.com/home.html	✓	✓
		Kathy Hoffman	D	Speech Pathologist, ties to the #RedforEd teacher strike movement	https://www.electkathyhoffman.com/	✗	✗
ARKANSAS	Governor	Asa Hutchinson	R	US House of Reps, Director of Drug Enforcement Admin, Undersecretary of Dept of Homeland Security, Governor	https://www.asa2018.com/	✓	✓
		Jared Henderson	D	Researcher at NASA, McKinsey & Company business strategy, Forward Arkansas, Medical Practice	https://www.jaredforarkansas.com/	✗	?
CALIFORNIA	Governor	John Cox	R	CPA, Businessman	https://johncoxforgovernor.com/	✓	?
		Gavin Newsom	D	Mayor of San Francisco, Lt. Governor	https://www.gavinnewsom.com/	✗	✗
	State Superintendent	Marshall Tuck	D	Former President of a Charter School Organization, CEO Partnership for LA Schools	https://marshalltuck.com/	✓	✓
		Tony Thurmond	D	Democratic State Legislator, Former Social Worker,	https://www.tonythurmond.com/	✗	✗

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COLORADO	Governor	Walker Stapleton	R	Startup Tech World, State Treasurer	https://www.stapletonforcolorado.com/	✓	✓
		Jared Polis	D	Co-Founder of American Information Systems, U.S. House of Rep. (CO-02)	https://polisforcolorado.com/	✓	✓
CONNECTICUT	Governor	Bob Stefanowski	R	CFO of UBS Investment Bank, CEO of DFC Global Corp.	https://www.bobforgovernor.com/	✓	✓
		Ned Lamont	D	Businessman, Candidate for U.S. Senate	https://www.nedlamont.com/	✗	✗
FLORIDA	Governor	Ron DeSantis	R	Military Service, Federal Prosecutor, Member of U.S. House of Reps.	https://rondesantis.com/	✓	✓
		Andrew Gillum	D	City of Tallahassee Commissioner, Mayor of Tallahassee	https://andrewgillum.com/	✗	✗
GEORGIA	Governor	Brian Kemp	R	State Senator (2003-2007), Georgia Secretary of State (2010-Current)	https://www.kempforgovernor.com/	✓	✓
		Stacey Abrams	D	Lawyer, Deputy City Attorney for Atlanta, Georgia State House Minority Leader (2007-2017)	https://staceyabrams.com/	✗	✗
	State Superintendent	Richard Woods	R	Current State Superintendent, Educator	http://www.woodsforsuper.com/	✗	?
		Otha Thornton	D	Retired Army Officer, First Black Male President of the National PTA	https://www.othathornton.com/	✗	?

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HAWAII	Governor	Andria Tupola	R	Music teacher at a Comm. College, State House of Reps.	https://www.votetupola.com/	✓	?
		David Ige	D	Information tech, telecommunications, State Senate, Governor	http://www.davidige.org/	✗	✓
IDAHO	Governor	Brad Little	R	Cattle Rancher, Lt. Governor	https://www.bradlittleforidahoridaho.com/	✓	✓
		Paulette Jordan	D	State House of Reps.	https://www.jordanforgovernor.com/	✗	✓
	State Superintendent	Sherri Ybarra	R	Incumbent, Former Teacher, Former Administrator	http://ybarraforidahocom/	✓	?
		Cindy Wilson	D	Democrat, High School Government Teacher	https://www.cindyforschools.org/	✗	?
ILLINOIS	Governor	Bruce Rauner	R	Governor, businessman	https://www.brucerauner.com/	✓	✓
		J.B. Pritzker	D	Tech hub creator, opened Holocaust museum	https://www.jbpritzker.com/	✗	✗
IOWA	Governor	Kim Reynolds	R	County Treasurer, State Senator, Lt. Gov., then Governor	https://reynoldsgregg.com/	✓	✓
		Fred Hubbell	D	Led Iowa Power Fund, led Dept. of Econ.	https://fredhubbell.com/	✗	?
KANSAS	Governor	Kris Kobach	R	Prof of Constitutional Law, WH Fellow in Bush admin, KS Sec. of State	https://kriskobach.com/	✓	?
		Laura Kelly	D	State Senator, KS Rec & Park	https://www.laurakellyforkansas.com/	✗	✗
MAINE	Governor	Shawn Moody	R	Entrepreneur	https://www.shawnmoody.com/	?	✓
		Janet Mills	D	ME Atty Gen, former State House of Reps.	https://www.janetmills.com/	✗	✗

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MARYLAND	Governor	Larry Hogan	R	Gov of Maryland (2014-Current), Business owner, Maryland Sec of Appointments (2003-2007), Founder of "Change MD"	https://www.larryhogan.com/	✓	✗
		Ben Jealous	D	CEO of NAACP, investor in Kapor Capital	https://benjealous.com/	✗	✗
MASSACHUSETTS	Governor	Charlie Baker	R	Gov of Massachusetts (2015-Current), MA Secretary of Health and Human Services, MA Secretary of Administration and Finance	https://www.charliebakerma.com/	✓	✓
		Jay Gonzalez	D	Massachusetts Secretary of Administration and Finance (2009-2013), Attorney	https://jay4ma.com/	✗	✗
MICHIGAN	Governor	Bill Schuette	R	Dir. Of MI Dept. of Ag., Atty General	https://billschuette.com/	✓	✓
		Gretchen Whitmer	D	State Senate, Ingham County Prosecutor	https://www.gretchenwhitmer.com/	✗	✗
MINNESOTA	Governor	Jeff Johnson	R	MN HoR, State Chair of Marco Rubio and Co-Chair for Ted Cruz in 2016 elections, currently Hennepin County Commissioner	http://www.johnsonforgovernor.org/	✓	✓
		Tim Walz	D	U.S. House of Reps. (2007-Current), Teacher, Army Veteran	https://walzflanagan.org/	✗	✓
NEBRASKA	Governor	Pete Ricketts	R	Governor, businessman	https://petericketts.com/	✓	✓
		Bob Krist	D	State Legislator, ret'd. Lt Col, Air Force	https://www.kristfornebraska.com/	✗	✗

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NEVADA	Governor	Adam Laxalt	R	Atty. General since 2015, former US Navy Lt, Attorney	https://www.adamlaxalt.com/home/	✓	✓
		Steve Sisolak	D	Served on Board of Regents for 10 years	https://stevesisolak.com/	✗	✗
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Governor	Chris Sununu	R	Governor	https://chrissununu.com/	✓	✓
		Molly Kelly	D	State Senator	http://www.mollykelly.com/	✗	✗
NEW MEXICO	Governor	Steve Pearce	R	U.S. House of Reps.	https://www.pearceform.com/	✓	✓
		Michelle Lujan Grisham	D	U.S. House of Reps.	http://www.newmexicansformichelle.com/	✗	✗
NEW YORK	Governor	Marc Molinaro	R	Current Dutchess County Executive	https://www.pearceform.com/	✓	?
		Andrew Cuomo	D	Governor	http://www.newmexicansformichelle.com/	✓	✗
OKLAHOMA	Governor	Kevin Stitt	R	Businessman	https://www.stittforgovernor.com/	?	✓
		Drew Edmondson	D	Atty. General	https://drewforoklahoma.com/	✗	✗
	State Superintendent	Joy Hofmeister	R	Current State Superintendent of Public Instruction	https://www.joyforoklahoma.com/	✓	✓
		John Cox	D	Superintendent of rural Peggs Public Schools	https://cox4ok.com/	✗	✗
OREGON	Governor	Knute Buehler	R	Served in State legislature and did medical practice	https://knutebuehler.com/	✗	?
		Kate Brown	D	Sec of State, now Governor	https://katebrownfororegon.com/	✗	✗

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PENNSYLVANIA	Governor	Scott Wagner	R	State Senator	https://wagnerforgov.com/	✓	?
		Tom Wolf	D	Governor	https://www.wolfforpa.com/	✗	✗
RHODE ISLAND	Governor	Allan Fung	R	Mayor of Cranston	https://www.allanfung.com/	✓	✗
		Gina Raimondo	D	Governor	https://ginaraimondo.com/	✓	✓
SOUTH CAROLINA	Governor	Henry McMaster	R	Governor	https://henrymcmaster.com/	✓	✓
		James Smith	D	SC House of Reps.	https://jamesmith.com/	✗	✗
	State Superintendent	Molly Spearman	R	Republican Superintendent of Education, Former Teacher, School Administrator and State Rep.	http://mollyspearman.com/	✓	✓
		Israel Romero	D	Democrat, Former Teacher and Professor	https://www.lancasterdemocrats.com/dr-israel-romero/	✗	✗
SOUTH DAKOTA	Governor	Kristi Noem	R	SD House of Reps., U.S. House of Reps. Ways & Means	https://www.kristiforgovernor.com/	✓	?
		Billie Sutton	D	Professional bull rider (rodeo), State Senator	https://www.suttonforsd.com/	✗	✗
TENNESSEE	Governor	Bill Lee	R	Businessman	https://www.billlee.com/	✓	?
		Karl Dean	D	Mayor of Nashville	https://www.karldean.com/	✗	✗
TEXAS	Governor	Greg Abbott	R	Attn. Gen., Governor	https://www.gregabbott.com/	✓	✓
		Lupe Valdez	D	Sheriff and US Army Reserve	https://www.lupevaldez.com/	✗	✗
VERMONT	Governor	Phil Scott	R	Gov, Lt. Gov., Senate Businessman	https://www.philscott.org/	✗	?
		Christine Halquist	D	CEO of Vermont Electric Co-op	https://www.christineforvermont.com/	✗	✗

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WISCONSIN	Governor	Scott Walker	R	Governor	https://www.scottwalker.com/	✓	✓
		Tony Evers	D	Superintendent of Public Instruction of Wisconsin	https://tonyevers.com/	✗	✗
WYOMING	Governor	Mark Gordon	R	State Treasurer	https://gordonforwyoming.com/	✓	?
		Mary Throne	D	State Legislature	https://www.maryforwyoming.com/	✗	✗
	State Superintendent	Jillian Balow	R	Republican Superintendent of Public Instruction, Former Teacher, State Administrator	http://www.jillian4supt.com/	✓	?