



Members4Murphy

Dear NJEA Member,

This is important.

After seven years of a hostile governor who has worked to tear down public schools, we have the opportunity in 2017 to elect a new governor who will work with us to strengthen our schools and our profession.

NJEA is determined to help put New Jersey on a better course. That is why, last summer, the NJEA PAC Board of Trustees voted to get involved – for the first time ever – in June’s primary election. We are working to make sure we have at least one great candidate to support in November.

While we are still in the process of screening potential Republican candidates, we’ve already achieved our goal on the Democratic side. Last October, after screening all the Democratic candidates, the PAC Operating Committee, which is made up of 125 of your fellow NJEA members, unanimously voted to endorse Ambassador Phil Murphy in the Democratic gubernatorial primary.

It was an exhaustive process, but in the end it was an easy decision. As you can see from the enclosed flier, Ambassador Murphy is a committed advocate for public education and has a deep respect for those of us who have chosen this profession.

Since the endorsement, Ambassador Murphy has repeatedly demonstrated his commitment to NJEA members, attending our convention in November and our Human and Civil Rights dinner last month, and our ESP Conference on February 3. Later this month, he will attend our Legislative Conference to once again lay out his positive education agenda, and he has been invited to a host of other NJEA events.

Our union is going to show that same level of commitment to Ambassador Murphy in his primary campaign. Between now and the end of March, we will be leading a statewide effort for members to sign nominating petitions to place his name on the primary ballot. His campaign team wants to collect a record-breaking 20,000 signatures. Through member organizing, NJEA intends to make a major contribution to achieving that number. We will demonstrate to the Murphy campaign and others in the state that we stand with leaders who stand with us.

In the coming weeks, please look for ways to get involved in NJEA’s primary campaign for Ambassador Murphy. You’ll have opportunities to hear him speak at town halls and conferences, to attend NJEA organizing trainings, and to share his message with family, friends and colleagues.

*** Please text the word MURPHY to 738-674 to join our team and get up-to-the-minute campaign updates.**

Then, go to njea.org/murphy for videos, photos and more information about Ambassador Murphy and NJEA’s campaign.

This work belongs to all of us, and we are counting on you to help us set a better course for New Jersey by electing a governor who shares our values.

In solidarity,

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