

For PA governor, the choice is very clear

PSEA members know what it's like to have a pro-public education governor. And we know what it's like to NOT have one.

For the past eight years, Gov. Tom Wolf has defended our pensions, secured record school funding increases, and put public education, educators, and support professionals at the top of his priority list.

The governor before him? Not so much.

Before Wolf defeated him, Tom Corbett led relentless attacks on our pension system and cut nearly \$1 billion in school funding – after only six months in office. Those draconian cuts led to the loss of 27,000 education jobs, increased class sizes, closed school libraries, and shuttered student electives and activities.

The Nov. 8 election for governor includes a matchup very much like Wolf vs. Corbett.

Attorney General Josh Shapiro is as pro-public education as Gov. Wolf. State Sen. Doug Mastriano is even worse than Tom Corbett. For educators and support professionals like us, the choice is stark – and very, very clear. That's why PSEA has recommended Josh Shapiro for governor.

We need Josh Shapiro in the governor's office. Because if Doug Mastriano wins, he will lead the most aggressive attacks on public education that we're likely ever to see.

There's an easy way to see where Josh Shapiro and Doug Mastriano stand on education issues. Just listen to what they have to say about them and read what they've written. Facts are facts.

Both candidates have made no secret about what they'll do for – OR TO – our schools, our students, and our professions.

Josh Shapiro

Josh Shapiro listens to and respects educators and support professionals and believes we, not politicians, deserve to have a strong voice when it comes to making decisions about public education. As governor, Shapiro will:



- ✓ Address the educator shortage by increasing salaries for all school employees to recruit and retain educators.
- ✓ Protect our pensions and oppose cuts to our pension benefits.
- ✓ Put less focus on standardized testing and more focus on letting teachers teach and students learn.
- ✓ Protect our collective bargaining rights – the right to bargain for fair salaries and benefits – and veto any legislation that will take away those rights.
- ✓ Ensure that every school building has at least one mental health professional so that kids can access help when they need it.



"When I'm governor, I will fully fund our schools and make our children's mental health a priority. I will ensure that every school building in the Commonwealth has at least one mental health counselor and expand telemedicine options for mental health so that our kids can access help when they need it."

— PennLive Op-Ed, March 7, 2022

"When I am Governor, we will finally end our reliance on standardized testing here in Pennsylvania. We will. Because it is not a measure of how well a student is going to do and it certainly isn't a measure of how well a teacher teaches. Let's reclaim that time in the classroom or arts and humanities, and let's teach our kids history and civics. We can do that here in Pennsylvania."

— Campaign speech in Johnstown, May 26, 2022

Doug Mastriano

Doug Mastriano is completely out of touch with our public schools. His policies will lead to larger class sizes and make the educator and support professional shortages worse. Doug Mastriano has been absolutely clear about what he will do to public education, because he:



- ✗ Believes educators make too much money and that our schools are overstaffed.
- ✗ Supports legislation that would make it harder for educators and support professionals to collectively bargain for raises and benefit increases.
- ✗ Supports a bill that would create a crushing amount of work for educators by forcing them to post every single instructional material they use in their classrooms online.
- ✗ Voted to give millions of dollars of public school funding to charter schools and private schools, voted for tuition vouchers three separate times, and supported a bill that would have slashed Pennsylvania's education budget.



"Over staffing and administrative bloat have become commonplace in Pennsylvania school districts. ... Pennsylvania taxpayers are not dumb. They know that public schools receive more tax dollars than ever and that pouring even more into a broken system won't help children or improve academic performance. Let's change the system and give parents the power to choose their children's education."

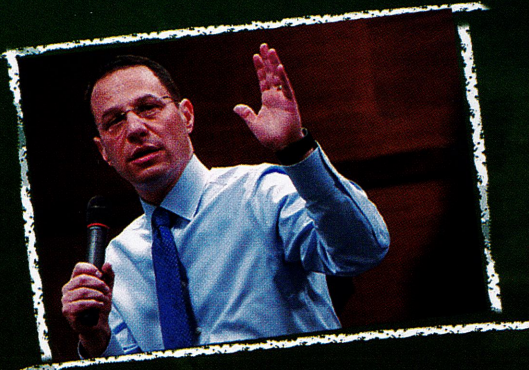
— PennLive Op-Ed, Jan. 13, 2022

"I think instead of \$19,000, we fund each student around \$9,000 or \$10,000 and they can decide which school to go to: public school, private school, religious school, cyber school, or home school. And the money goes to the kids. And I believe that would incentivize and drive down the costs of public education."

— WRTA interview, March 24, 2022

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Josh Shapiro

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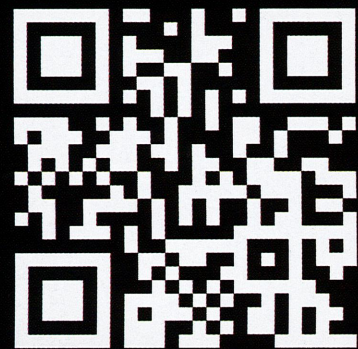
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Josh Shapiro!



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