



NJEA PAC

Endorsement Process

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

- ⚡ Delegate Assembly establishes a Political Action Study Commission in 1971
- ⚡ Member information campaign- 1972
- ⚡ NJEA Executive Committee establishes NJEA PAC Fund and adopts guidelines in February 1973



STRUCTURE OF NJEA PAC

- ⚡ NJEA Officers serve as the **officers of NJEA PAC**— Chairman, Vice Chair, and Treasurer
- ⚡ Executive Committee acts as **PAC Board of Trustees** to conduct business in between PAC Operating Committee meetings.
- ⚡ **NJEA PAC Operating Committee**— responsible for screening and endorsing candidates



NJEA PAC OPERATING COMMITTEE

Members Include:

- 🏠 the Executive Committee
- 🏠 the Government Relations Committee
- 🏠 the Congressional Contact Committee
- 🏠 County Presidents
- 🏠 Student NJEA President
- 🏠 NJREA Legislative Chair, Vice Chair, and three regional coordinators
- 🏠 Three active support members



GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARIES

- ⚠ Requires a 2/3 vote of the NJEA PAC Board of Trustees to initiate screening
- ⚠ May consider candidates in either or both political party primary elections
- ⚠ Screening includes:
 - candidate questionnaire
 - interview with gubernatorial primary election screening committee
 - PAC Operating Committee consideration and vote on recommendation of screening committee.



IN GUBERNATORIAL SCREENINGS

-  The screening committee is chaired by the PAC Chair and made up of:
- the three NJEA PAC officers
 - Chair of the Government Relations Committee
 - the NJREA legislative chair
 - an NJEA active supportive member appointed by the Chair
 - Five members of PAC Operating Committee selected by the PAC Board of Trustees.



OBSERVERS

Each County has one observer for the screening, chosen by the following order of preference:

- 1.  Government Relations Committee member, by seniority
- 2.  Congressional Contact Committee member, by seniority
- 3.  County President
- 4.  Executive Committee member, by seniority



EVALUATING CANDIDATES

- ⚠ Electability
- ⚠ Voting records of incumbents or any legislative record of non-incumbents
- ⚠ Views concerning public education and labor
- ⚠ Positions on issues which have not come to vote
- ⚠ Accessibility
- ⚠ Record on education and labor issues – if one exists



WHY NJEA IS ENDORSING FOR THE GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

- ⚠️ If we don't like the decisions that are being made--- we must CHANGE THE DECISION MAKERS!
- ⚠️ PROACTIVE: if we don't engage early, party chairman and party bosses will decide for us who runs for governor. Their choice may not be the best choice for public education and our members.
- ⚠️ RELEVANCY– in a hotly contested primary, early support is more meaningful. We want to be relevant and important to the next governor.
- ⚠️ IMPACT DOWN BALLOT– deals are being made not only for Governor but for who will run down ballot and who will hold leadership positions.

