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

- Government Relations Committee member, by seniority
- Congressional Contact Committee member, by seniority
- County President
- 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.