

Nov. 8 and beyond: Even if you are not into politics, politics is into you!

What does politics have to do with my classroom?

Your salary	School board, union
School budget	School board
Class size/workload	School board, state legislature, governor
Length of school year	School board, state legislature, governor
Health benefits	School board, union
Due process	School board, state legislature, governor
Retirement benefits	School board, state legislature, governor
Testing	Federal, state, school board
Hiring practices	School board, state legislature, governor
Teaching credentials	Federal, state, governor
Standards	State board, state, federal
Unemployment compensation	Federal, state, governor
Textbooks	State, school board
Negotiated contracts in higher education	State legislature, local union, governor
Higher education credentialing	Governor
Campus repairs and upgrades	State legislature

With a union, we have strength in numbers to change things when we:

1) Vote. 2) Hold elected officials accountable for enacting a visionary public education agenda.

So, on or before Nov. 8 – be a voter! After Nov. 8 – take action, together!


In 2022, we must choose leaders who will govern for all of us. By voting for a pro-public education House and Senate in 2018, we have seen increases in funding and dedicated mental health supports. When educators stand together and make our voices heard in our hometowns and at the Capitol, we can create the learning conditions our students deserve.

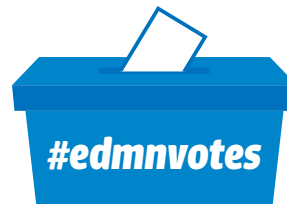
After Election Day, contact your newly-elected school board members, state officials and Congressional representatives. Tell them why you voted, and what you expect of them. Visit their offices and invite them to visit your school.

To find out how you can join your colleagues in voting for pro-public education and pro-union candidates this fall and also how you can hold them accountable once elected, visit edmnvotes.org.

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