These candidates have proven themselves—as incumbents through their voting records or as newcomers through an in-depth candidate questionnaire and interviews with the WEA Lobby Team—to be pro-public education.

Please use WEA PACE endorsements to guide your decision-making at the polls!

A fiscal cliff looms before our state and Wyoming’s already-underfunded education system will be a target for cuts in future legislative sessions. Don’t let Wyoming students’ constitutional right to an equitable, high-quality education become a casualty of the crises facing our state.

From candidate contributions to Get Out the Vote efforts, the Wyoming Education Association Political Action Committee for Education (WEA PACE) actively supports the candidates supporting education.

Please consider making a monetary donation to WEA PACE or donating your time to canvassing and other campaign efforts for PACE-endorsed candidates.

To learn more about ways you can get involved, contact WEA Government Relations Director, Tate Mullen at tmullen@wyoea.org or (307)286-3096.

**SCAN WITH YOUR MOBILE PHONE OR SMART DEVICE TO DONATE TO WEA PACE.**
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is WEA PACE?
The Wyoming Education Association Political Action Committee for Education, funded only by voluntary contributions from WEA members, vets and supports pro-public education candidates. Taking into consideration incumbents’ voting records, and consequent scores on the WEA Legislative Report Card, as well as recommendations from the WEA Lobby Team based upon candidate questionnaires and interviews, the WEA PACE Council issues candidate endorsements prior to Wyoming’s Primary Election.

Why do we endorse candidates?
We endorse candidates who will protect safe and quality learning conditions for all Wyoming students and working conditions for all education employees. What happens at the Capitol impacts our classrooms. Pro-public education policymakers will help to protect all Wyoming students’ constitutional right to high-quality, equitable education.

What does the endorsement process look like?
Incumbent candidates are scored, based on their voting record in support of good policy benefiting public education, on the WEA Legislative Report Card. This score determines their eligibility for WEA PACE endorsement. Both incumbents and nonincumbents are eligible for WEA PACE endorsement, though only incumbent candidates’ eligibility is based on their existing score on the WEA Legislative Report Card. Top-tier candidates are eligible for automatic WEA PACE endorsement. Mid-tier candidates are offered the opportunity to earn WEA PACE endorsement based on their responses to a candidate questionnaire and candidate interview. Lowest-tier candidates, having demonstrated a lack of support for public education, are ineligible for endorsement.

What does an endorsement mean?
WEA PACE provides assistance to endorsed candidates. This assistance ranges from monetary donations to grassroots support from WEA members in the form of canvassing, phone banking, and other assistance on candidates’ campaigns.

Will WEA PACE endorse for the General Election, in addition to the Primary?
Candidates could receive endorsement for both the Primary and General election, or only for the Primary. In the instance of two candidates being endorsed in the same race because they are affiliated with different parties, one candidate will be selected for WEA PACE endorsement in the General election. Please keep your eye on your inbox and on the next issue of WEA News to see the latest candidate endorsements from WEA PACE in advance of the general election on November 8.

Are my WEA dues used for endorsement?
WEA dues dollars cannot be used for candidate endorsement. All WEA PACE dollars are generated by voluntary contributions. Historically, WEA PACE is among the largest Political Action Committees (PACs) in Wyoming. It is WEA’s goal for every member to donate to WEA PACE. No amount is too small. Learn more about WEA PACE and donate by visiting wyoea.org/wea-pace/

How can I help?
Vote for WEA PACE-endorsed candidates and encourage others in your social circle to do the same! Contribute to WEA PACE by scanning the QR code below, or visiting wyoea.org/wea-pace/

Scan with your mobile phone or other smart device to donate to WEA PACE.