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DON'T VOTE YOUR PARTY VOTE YOUR JOB!

Partisan politics are dividing this country to an extent we haven't seen in many years. As hostility toward the "other side" increases, the political consultants from both parties warn us of the dangers of not coming out to vote for "your party" if for no other reason than to keep the "other side" from gaining control.

Unfortunately, this strategy works. We see party-line voters choosing their party over what is best for them and their families. This gives politicians a tremendous advantage. As long as they can fuel the hatred and fear of the "other side," they can pass what THEY want while they are in power.

What our Florida Legislature and Governor have wanted for the past 10+ years in Florida is an alternate for-profit public school system. Year after year, our Legislature and Governor have passed laws that increase funding for charter schools and for vouchers. This money comes out of the fund that sustains our traditional public schools that serve 95% of the school-age population in Florida. They have passed laws that can turn public schools into for-profit charter schools. How much clearer can their intentions be?

As public school employees, we have to be aware of who these people are and how they voted on the issues that are important to us, our jobs, and our students. Governor Rick Scott, Senator Kathleen Passidomo, and Representatives Bob Rommel and Byron Donalds have voted for all these items that harm traditional public schools.

This is not rocket science: if we want our situation to change, we must change who we send to Tallahassee to represent us. Therefore, FEA and Collier TIGER (our Political Action Committee) recommends the following candidates:

Governor ANDREW GILLUM
Chief Financial Officer JEREMY RING
Attorney General SEAN SHAW
HD 80 JENNIFER BODDICKER
HD 106 SARA MCFADDEN
SD 28 ANNISA KARIM

FEA also recommends the following positions on the proposed constitutional amendments:

Amendment #1 NO
Amendment #4 YES
Amendment #5 NO
Amendment #7 NO

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/1 TIGER Exec Board Mtg 4:30pm (CCEA)
11/8 OCAP Meeting 5:30pm (Association Office)

DELEGATE ASSEMBLY ELECTS ESP AS FEA SECRETARY-TREASURER!

Nearly 1,000 delegates, including your OCAP President Connie Steed and VP Maureen Hughes, attended the Florida Education Association's annual Delegate Assembly and elected FEA Vice President Fedrick C. Ingram as the organization's new president and Andrew Spar as VP.

Carole Gauronskas, president of the St. Johns Educational Support Professional Association, was elected FEA Secretary-Treasurer. She succeeds Luke Flynt. Gauronskas is the first education staff professional to hold an FEA statewide office.

Delegates cast their ballots for FEA officers on Friday evening, Oct. 12, and were notified of election results as soon as the count was finalized.

2019 NEA ESP CONFERENCE

March 22-24, 2019
Bally's Las Vegas Hotel

The NEA ESP conference is the premier professional development opportunity for Education Support Professionals across the nation. The goal of the conference is to grow and strengthen the professional excellence of ESP members working in Pre-K to Higher-Ed through Association-convened, educator-led, and student-centered learning experiences. With more than 60 interactive workshops to choose from over the course of four days, participants will enhance their knowledge and skills to build community relationships, organize members, advocate for educators, and sustain stronger local associations, helping members excel in their careers and positively impact student success.

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 Last Name First Name Middle Initial

 Mailing Address City State Zip Code

 Phone Original Hire Date

Home E-Mail Address: _____

Employee ID: _____

School Worksite: _____

Payment Plan:
 _____ Cash [Check # _____]
 _____ Payroll Deduction

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DB: _____

CCPS: _____

RB: _____

I hereby authorize the District School Board of Collier County, according to arrangements agreed upon with the CCEA, to deduct from my salary and transmit to said Association such dues as annually certified by said Association. I hereby waive all rights and claims to said monies so deducted, except as noted below, in accordance with this authorization and relieve the School Board and all its officers from any liability therefor. This authorization shall remain in full force and effect for all purposes while I am employed by this school district or until revoked by me upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the School Board's Business Office and said Association. The annual dues payments earmarked for the Collier County Education Association may be deductible as a miscellaneous deduction for federal income tax purposes.

Employee Signature _____

Date _____

Recruiter's Name _____

Date _____