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MEA announces candidate recommendations for November general election

[🕒](#) OCTOBER 6, 2022

EAST LANSING — With absentee ballots for November’s general election going out this week, MEA is proud to announce candidates who have earned the recommendation of MEA members through the union’s Screening & Recommendation process. The process, which looks at candidates’ positions on education and labor issues, is decided by MEA members who serve on S&R committees, based on policies and procedures adopted by members elected to the governing bodies of MEA and the MEA-PAC.

Other than statewide races (which are decided by MEA’s Statewide S&R Committee composed of educators from across the state), decisions about MEA candidate recommendations are made at the local level. Recommendations for federal offices are subject to final approval from the NEA Fund for Children & Public Education. If a local S&R committee chose not to make a recommendation, it is noted below.

MEA recommended candidates for the Nov. 8 general election include:

(denotes MEA member)*

Statewide:

- Governor / Lieutenant Governor: Gretchen Whitmer / Garlin D. Gilchrist II

- Secretary of State: Jocelyn Benson
- Attorney General: Dana Nessel
- Michigan Supreme Court: Justice Richard Bernstein & Kyra Harris Bolden
- Michigan Court of Appeals – 2nd District: Judge Sima G. Patel
- State Board of Education: Pamela Pugh & Mitchell Robinson
- University of Michigan Board of Regents: Mike Behm & Kathy White
- Michigan State University Board of Trustees: Renee Knake Jefferson & Dennis Denno
- Wayne State University Board of Governors: Marilyn Kelly & Danielle Atkinson
- Proposal 1 – Transparency & Term Limits: Vote YES
- Proposal 2 – Promote the Vote 2022: Vote YES

U.S. Congress:

- 1st District: Bob Lorinser
- 2nd District: No Recommendation
- 3rd District: Hillary Scholten
- 4th District: Joseph Alfonso
- 5th District: Bart Goldberg
- 6th District: Debbie Dingell
- 7th District: Elissa Slotkin
- 8th District: Daniel Kildee
- 9th District: Brian Jaye
- 10th District: Carl J. Marlinga
- 11th District: Haley Stevens
- 12th District: Rashida Tlaib
- 13th District: Shri Thanedar

State Senate:

- 1st District: Erika Geiss
- 2nd District: Sylvia Santana
- 3rd District: Stephanie Chang
- 4th District: Darrin Camilleri
- 5th District: Dayna Polehanki *
- 6th District: Mary Cavanagh
- 7th District: Jeremy Moss
- 8th District: Mallory McMorrow
- 9th District: Padma Kuppa
- 10th District: Paul Wojno
- 11th District: Veronica Klinefelt
- 12th District: Kevin Hertel
- 13th District: Rosemary Bayer
- 14th District: Sue Shink

- 15th District: Jeff Irwin
- 16th District: Katybeth Davis
- 17th District: No Recommendation
- 18th District: No Recommendation
- 19th District: Sean McCann
- 20th District: No Recommendation
- 21st District: Sarah Anthony
- 22nd District: No Recommendation
- 23rd District: No Recommendation
- 24th District: Theresa J. Fougnie
- 25th District: Bert Van Dyke*
- 26th District: No Recommendation
- 27th District: John D. Cherry
- 28th District: Sam Singh
- 29th District: Winnie Brinks
- 30th District: David LaGrand
- 31st District: Kim S. Nagy *
- 32nd District: Terry J. Sabo
- 33rd District: Mark Bignell
- 34th District: No Recommendation
- 35th District: Kristen McDonald Rivet
- 36th District: Joel A. Sheltroun
- 37th District: Barbara Conley
- 38th District: No Recommendation

State House:

- 1st District: Tyrone Carter
- 2nd District: Tullio Liberati Jr.
- 3rd District: Alabas Farhat
- 4th District: No Recommendation
- 5th District: Natalie Price
- 6th District: Regina Weiss
- 7th District: Helena Scott
- 8th District: Mike McFall
- 9th District: Abraham Aiyash
- 10th District: Joe Tate
- 11th District: Veronica Paiz
- 12th District: No Recommendation
- 13th District: Lori M. Stone *
- 14th District: Donavan McKinney
- 15th District: Erin Byrnes
- 16th District: Stephanie A. Young

- 17th District: Laurie Pohutsky
- 18th District: Jason Hoskins
- 19th District: Samantha Steckloff
- 20th District: Noah Arbit
- 21st District: Kelly Breen
- 22nd District: Matthew Koleszar *
- 23rd District: Jason Morgan *
- 24th District: Ranjeev Puri
- 25th District: Kevin Coleman
- 26th District: Dylan Wegela
- 27th District: Jaime Churches *
- 28th District: Robert Kull
- 29th District: Alex Garza
- 30th District: No Recommendation
- 31st District: Reggie Miller
- 32nd District: Jimmie Wilson Jr.
- 33rd District: Felicia Brabec
- 34th District: No Recommendation
- 35th District: No Recommendation
- 36th District: No Recommendation
- 37th District: Naomi Ludman
- 38th District: Joey Andrews
- 39th District: Jared Polonowski
- 40th District: Christine Morse
- 41st District: Julie M. Rogers
- 42nd District: Justin Mendoza
- 43rd District: Mark Ludwig
- 44th District: Jim Haadsma
- 45th District: No Recommendation
- 46th District: Recommendation Rescinded – No Recommendation
- 47th District: Carrie Rheingans
- 48th District: Jennifer Conlin
- 49th District: Christina M. Kafkakis
- 50th District: No Recommendation
- 51st District: Sarah May-Seward
- 52nd District: Robin McGregor
- 53rd District: Brenda Carter
- 54th District: Shadia Martini
- 55th District: Patricia Bernard
- 56th District: Sharon McDonell
- 57th District: Aisha Farooqi
- 58th District: Nate Shannon *
- 59th District: James Diez

- 60th District: No Recommendation
- 61st District: Denise Mentzer
- 62nd District: No Recommendation
- 63rd District: Kelly L. Noland
- 64th District: No Recommendation
- 65th District: Mark Lingeman
- 66th District: Emily C. Busch
- 67th District: No Recommendation
- 68th District: Cheri Hardmon
- 69th District: Jasper Ryan Martus
- 70th District: Cynthia R. Neeley
- 71st District: Mark D. Zacharda
- 72nd District: No Recommendation
- 73rd District: Julie Brixie
- 74th District: Kara Hope
- 75th District: Penelope Tsernoglou
- 76th District: Angela Witwer
- 77th District: Emily Dievendorf
- 78th District: No Recommendation
- 79th District: Kimberly Y. Kennedy-Barrington
- 80th District: Phil Skaggs
- 81st District: Rachel Hood
- 82nd District: Kristian Grant
- 83rd District: John Fitzgerald
- 84th District: Carol Glanville
- 85th District: Todd Avery
- 86th District: Larry D. Jackson
- 87th District: Will Snyder
- 88th District: Christine Baker
- 89th District: No Recommendation
- 90th District: No Recommendation
- 91st District: No Recommendation
- 92nd District: Anthony D. Feig *
- 93rd District: No Recommendation
- 94th District: Amos O'Neal
- 95th District: Matt Dawson
- 96th District: Kim J. Coonan
- 97th District: Paul M. Whitney
- 98th District: Robert Mroczek
- 99th District: Kenneth A. Kish
- 100th District: No Recommendation
- 101st District: No Recommendation
- 102nd District: Brian Hosticka

- 103rd District: Betsy Coffia
- 104th District: Cathy Albro
- 105th District: No Recommendation
- 106th District: Marie M. Fielder
- 107th District: No Recommendation
- 108th District: No Recommendation
- 109th District: Jenn Hill
- 110th District: No Recommendation

MEA's local S&R committees also make recommendations in school board races across the state. That list, which is updated regularly, is available online at <https://mea.org/mea-recommended-local-school-board-candidates/>.

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MEA recommended candidates for school board and other local offices

 OCTOBER 25, 2022

Throughout the fall, MEA locals will be conducting interviews with candidates on the education and labor issues at play in their districts and recommending candidates for local school boards and other positions up for election on Nov. 8.

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K-12 School Boards

As of October 25, here is the complete list of MEA recommended candidates for local school board races (sorted alphabetically by school district):

Adrian School Board:

Christy Mesaros-Winckles

Allen Park School Board:

Jason Babbage

Michael Klein

Jeannette MacDonald

Stephen Martin

Alma School Board:

Cindy Austin

Stephany Slaughter

Anchor Bay School Board:

Patrick Green

Lerrin Wentworth

Ann Arbor District Library:

Catherine Hadley

Ann Arbor School Board:

Susan Baskett

Jacinda Townsend Gides

Jamila James

Susan Ward Schmidt

Andrew Spencer

Armada School Board:

Cheryl Murray

Susan Nieman

Shawn Wylin

Battle Creek School Board:

Elishae Johnson

Nicole Standback Perry

Bay City School Board:

Michael Kelly

Orentheus Lowery

Birch Run School Board:

Kristy Albrecht

Lee Engelhardt

Christina Young

Birmingham School Board:

Arthur Jack

Nicole Spencer

Bloomfield Hills School Board:

Tareq Falah

Meagan Hill

Paul Kolin

Carolyn Noble

Brighton School Board:

Angela Krebs

Kenneth Stahl

Lyndsay Wing

Byron Center School Board:

Bruce Dennett

Chuck Fedewa

Shannon Schans

Caledonia School Board:

James Ernest

Mary Anne Timmer

Eric VanGessel

Carman-Ainsworth School Board:

Crystal Dahl

La Cracha Handy

Lisa Koegel

Charlotte School Board:

Mike Baker

Christine Davis

Chelsea School Board:

Michelle Craig

Glenn Fox

Kate Henson

Scott Moore

Chippewa Valley School Board:

Christopher Gura

Shannon King

Kenneth Pearl

Bruce Wade

Clarkston School Board:

Cheryl McGinnis

Greg Need

Clintondale School Board:

James Potter Jr.

Jeremy Schnaidt

Michael Scott

Coloma School Board:

Steven Groendyk

Nicole Cottier Hickmon

Heidi Ishmael

Doug Kraemer

Cynthia LaGrow

Comstock School Board:

Saralyn Heckema-Brown

Paul Lamphear

Matthew Schreiner

Dansville School Board:

Chad Minnis

Candy Sherwood

DeWitt School Board:

Angelina Barnes

Dwight Handspike

John Tramontana

Dexter School Board:

Daniel Alabre

Melanie Klark Szawara

East Lansing School Board:

Terah Chambers

Kath Edsall

Tali Faris-Hylen

Jim McEvoy

Ewart School Board:

Todd Bruggema

Farmington School Board:

T.R. Carr

Claudia Heinrich

Angie Smith

Donald Walker

Fenton School Board:

Nicolas A. Lecea

Mike Pearce

Ashley Prew

Flint School Board:

Michael Floyd Clack

Donyele Darrough

Emily Doerr

Dylan Luna

Melody Relerford

Forest Hills School Board:

Suzanne Callahan

C.J. Michaud

Malorie Ninemeier

Mary Vonck

Fowlerville School Board:

John Belcher

Diana Dombrowski

Denise Yon

Fraser School Board:

Kathleen Moco

Robyn Norbeck

Jamie Pietron

Abigail Wasil

Galesburg-Augusta School Board:

Christy Corsi

Laura Wilks

Gibraltar School Board:

James A. Crapko

Michael Morris

Paul Panter

Paula Warren

Grand Blanc School Board:

Meredith Anderson

Susan Kish

Ryan Yelen

Yasmeen Youngs

Grand Haven School Board:

Marc Eickholt

Nichol Stack

Carl Treutler

Grand Ledge School Board:

Denise DuFort

Toni Hughes Glasscoe

Ashley Kuykendoll

Grand Rapids School Board:

Kymberlie Davis

Sara Melton

Jose Rodriguez

Aarie Wade

Kimberley Williams

Grandville School Board:

Trent Joseph Taylor

Cameron Zbikowski

Grosse Pointe School Board:

Clint Derringer

Timothy Klepp

Valarie St. John

Gull Lake School Board:

Desiree LaDuke

Mini Murphy

Hartland School Board:

Victor Bugni

Edward Gentile

Meghan Glabach

Michelle Hemeyer

Haslett School Board:

Monica Del Castillo

Robin Lewis

Molly Polverento

Korine Wawrzynski

Hazel Park School Board:

Beverly Hinton

Deborah Laframboise

Holland School Board:

Bree Austin-Roberts

Elizabeth Colburn

Linda Falstad

Lois Mulder

Howell School Board:

Christy Conn

Tracy Flak

Grace Trudell

Hudsonville School Board:

Tiffany Burks

Marshall Durham

Chad Tuttle

Huron Valley School Board:

Lindsay Cotter

Ryan Dolley

Denise Forrest

Joseph Pilchowski

Jenison School Board:

Mark Richter

William T. Waalkes

Kalamazoo School Board:

Karla Murphy

Kearsley School Board:

DesRae Joubran

Chad Langworthy

Kenowa Hills School Board:

Jeffrey Gustinis

Tracey Hart

Danielle Storey Roberts

Corey Turner

Kentwood School Board:

Pete Battey

Sylvia James

Tanya Powell-May

L'Anse Creuse School Board:

John Da Via

Al Doss

Sharon L. McTavish Ross

Lake Orion School Board:

Jake Singer

Lakeview School Board (Macomb):

Peter Accica

Gordon Miskelly

Lansing School Board:

Caitlin Cavanagh

Missy Lilje

Kurt Richardson

Anthony Strevett

Lowell School Board:

Jessica Curtis

Jennifer Dougherty

Patrick "Pat" Nugent

Ludington School Board:

Sarah Lowman

Stephanie Reed

Manchester School Board:

Rebecca Harvey

Michael Tindall

Sandra Wiitala

Maple Valley School Board:

Kelly Dunham

Kimberlee Kenyon

Craig Lackscheide

Kristen Miller

Mason School Board (Ingham):

Liz Evans

Matt Hall

Amy Lark

Michigan Center School Board:

Monica Shelton

Jessica Villareal

Greg Wolvin

Midland Public School Board:

Jonathan Lauderbach

Phillip Rausch

Jennifer Ringgold

Milan School Board:

Sara Meray

Betty Rosen-Leacher

Mona Shores School Board:

Jeanne Cooper-Kuiper

Jay Keessen

Wesley Wilson

Monroe School Board:

Clayton "Chip" Johnson

Susan Marlin-Zeisler

Larry Zimmerman

Mount Clemens School Board:

Alex Bronson

Spencer Calhoun

Dontae Walker

Mount Pleasant School Board:

Tyler Morkin

Wiline Pangle

Muskegon School Board:

Christine Hamel

Morgan Witmer

New Buffalo School Board:

Bradley Brunner

Denise Churchill

Vanessa Thun

Lisa Werner

New Haven School Board:

Michael Packer

Samantha Sosnovske

Northview School Board:

Emily Carpenter

Linda LaBerteaux

Northville School Board:

Kim Campbell-Voytal

Carin Meyer

Melissa Stuart

Novi School Board:

Betsy Beaudoin

Jason Michener

Okemos School Board:

Tom Buffet

Mary Gebara

Owosso School Board:

Thomas Kurtz

Rick Mowen

Olga Quick

Travis Yaklin

Perry School Board:

Catherine L. Hahn

William Willson

Petoskey School Board:

Jennifer Attie

Kathleen Reed

Pinckney School Board:

Michelle Crampo

Gayle Hurn

Bill Wearne

Plainwell School Board:

Andrea Barrows

Julli Bennett

Rex Hall Jr.

Shannon Zabaldo

Plymouth-Canton School Board:

LaRonda Chastang

Patti McCoin

Anupam Chugh Sidhu

Judy Westra

Plymouth District Library Board:

Yasir Khogali

Michael Pappas

Elizabeth "Beth" Sexton

Jessica Yaser

Port Huron School Board:

Joshua Chapman

Timothy McCulloch

Redford Union School Board:

Lorna Dean

Lavoris Engram

Krystle Uzarek

Reeths-Puffer School Board:

Joan Vincent

Rochester School Board:

Jessica Gupta

Eddie Hillery

Joe Pittel

Rockford School Board:

Tricia Anderson

Bobbi Jo Blanton

Jarrold Folsom

Christie Ramsey

Romeo School Board:

Amy Cross

Sarah Stiegler

Romulus School Board:

Darcel C. Davis

Porsche A. Laster

Paris McCarthy

Ursula Wester

Royal Oak School Board:

Deborah Anderson

Michelle Cook

Lauren Jasinski

Saginaw Township School Board:

Viloshinee Murugan

Arik Smith

Saline School Board:

Timothy Austin

Lauren Gold

Michael McVey

South Lyon School Board:

Craig Dashner

Stephanie Junkulis-Pierce

Patrick Maguire

Spring Lake School Board:

Kathy Breen

Jennifer Nicles

Curt Theune

St. Joseph School Board:

Barry Conybeare

Richard E. Dyer

Thornapple Kellogg School Board:

Jeff Dickman

Brenda Hess

Allison Hinton

Krissy Hooson

Traverse City School Board:

Holly Bird

Erica Moon Mohr

Andrew Raymond

Nicholas Roster

Troy School Board:

Emina Alic

Matt Haupt

Utica School Board:

Danielle Nesovski

Adrienne Rubel

Van Buren School Board (Wayne County):

Darlene Loyer Gerick

Terrance Goff

Amy Pearce

Vicksburg School Board:

Dennis LaPoint

Jennifer Buikema

Walled Lake School Board:

Susie Muzbeck Crafton

Christopher Titus

Nancy van Leuwen

Warren Consolidated Schools Board of Education:

Kyle Johnson

Megan Papasian-Broadwell

Susan Trombley

Warren Woods School Board:

Bobby Compton

Fred Huebener

Waterford School Board:

Patrick Donohue

John Paul Torres

Wayne-Westland School Board:

LeWanna Abney-Mitchell

David Cox

Bradley Gray

West Bloomfield School Board:

Kenneth Ferguson – WRITE IN

Wm. Art Holdsworth

West Ottawa School Board:

Darrin Duistermars

Jim Otteman

Lynn Rutan

Randy Schipper

Whitehall School Board:

Christopher Mahoney

Melissa Moore

Douglas Ogden

Woodhaven-Brownstone School Board:

Valerie Lowry

Chad Parker

Kerri Sanders

Ypsilanti School Board:

Sharon Lee

Meredith Schindler

M. Jeanice Townsend

Community College Recommendations

MEA locals have recommended candidates for the following community college boards:

Delta College Board of Trustees:

Alex Clark

Barb Handley-Miller

Kellogg Community College Board of Trustees:

Lisa Mueller

Anthony Pennock

Mott Community College Board of Trustees:

Anne Figueroa

Rebecca Garske

Art Reyes

Oakland Community College Board of Trustees:

Edward Callaghan

St. Clair Community College Board of Trustees:

Ernestine (Kimberly) Brown

Michael Goforth

Chad Mannlein

Washtenaw Community College Board of Trustees:

David Malcolm

William “Bill” Milliken

Local & Judicial Recommendations

In addition to school boards and community colleges, MEA locals have recommended candidates in the following county, judicial and local races:

Court of Appeal Judge – District 2 (Unexpired 5-year term): Sima G. Patel

Circuit Court Judge – Circuit 16: Teri Lynn Dennings

Circuit Court Judge – Circuit 6: Amanda J. Shelton

Circuit Court Judge – Circuit 30: Morgan Elizabeth Cole

District Court Judge – District 54-A: Kristen Simmons

District Court Judge – District 56-A: Ryan John Tetloff

Houghton County Commission – District 3: Glenn D. Anderson

Ingham County Commission – District 5: Myles Johnson

Ingham County Commission – District 6: Victor Celentino

Ingham County Commission – District 7: Thomas Morgan

Ingham County Commission – District 10: Gabrielle Lawrence

Kalamazoo County Commission – District 1: Tami Rey

Kalamazoo County Commission – District 2: Jen Strebs

Kalamazoo County Commission – District 3: Monteze Morales

Lapeer County Commission – District 3: Jerry Tkach

Livingston County Commission – District 1: Michelle L. Spisz

Livingston County Commission – District 7: Caitlyn Perry Dial

Livingston County Commission – District 8: Amber S. Bismack

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