



**We the People.** There's a reason the U.S. Constitution begins with those words. **We the People** shape the future of our state and our nation.

# **YOU** can shape the future of **OUR** public schools.

## **Who are We the People?**

**You and me.** Your fellow PSEA members. Your neighbors and friends. The Americans who serve in the armed forces. The firefighters, police officers, and health care workers who keep us safe. The local businesspeople who create good jobs for the students who graduate from our public schools.

## **We want to live The American Dream**

Sometimes, the American dream seems beyond our reach. Especially during times like these when the rich are getting richer on the backs of workingmen and women like you and me. But there are millions of **us**. And we can do something about it.

## **Your VOICE, Your VOTE, Our FUTURE**

We must stand up for what we believe. **We the People** must use our **VOICE** and our **VOTE** to create the future we want for our state and our country.







## Voting is About **YOUR** Schools and **YOUR** Future

Your vote is about YOU. YOUR job, YOUR profession, YOUR schools, and YOUR students.

There are lots of reasons to vote for a candidate. Each of us believes strongly in all kinds of issues. And public education matters to all of us. In 2012, PSEA members MUST weigh heavily a candidate's support for public education when deciding who will receive our vote.

Candidates become elected officials who pass laws. Laws govern the public schools. And the public schools are our lives, our livelihoods, and the ticket to a better future for

millions of students.

*We the People* need to vote for candidates who support public education.

Speak out at the ballot box. Vote for PSEA's recommended candidates. And encourage your family, friends, and colleagues to do the same.

And when we do, *We the People* will restore the promise of a quality public education for ALL children and protect the American dream for future generations.

## Support Candidates Who Support Public Education

*We the People.* PSEA members just like YOU get to decide which candidates are most supportive of our schools, our students, and our profession.

PSEA's Political Action Committee for Education (PSEA-PACE) is made up of members just like YOU. They interview candidates, look at their records, and assess the strength of a candidate's support for public education.

PSEA-PACE asks the question: "Does this candidate support public education, our schools, and our students?"

If PSEA-PACE Board members answer YES, a candidate gets PSEA's recommendation.



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## Here's What We're Up Against

*We the People* cannot leave it up to others to choose the candidates who will decide our future.

Across the nation, governors and legislators are working from the same playbook. They're trying to pass laws that

hurt people like us and the students we serve.

If you oppose these policies, join us. *We the People* can and must elect candidates who oppose these kinds of ill-conceived ideas and who support *Solutions That Work*.

### NATION

#### It could happen here: **Attacks on middle-class Americans across the nation**

- X A Florida law **links teachers' pay to evaluations.**
- X An Indiana law **limits collective bargaining to wages and benefits.**
- X A Wisconsin law **guts collective bargaining rights.**

### STATE

#### It is happening here: **Attacks on our profession, our schools, and our students**

- X State Funding **slashed by nearly \$1 billion.**
- X Class Sizes **skyrocketing in 70 percent of our schools.**
- X Our Students **have 14,000 fewer educators working in our schools.**
- X Tutoring Programs, Electives, and Sports **cut in hundreds of schools.**
- X Property Taxes **increasing across the state.**

**WE can change our future.  
WE can make a difference.  
WE Can VOTE.**







## Give to PSEA-PACE

*We the People* aren't millionaires. But millionaires are funding the campaigns of candidates who seek to privatize public education.

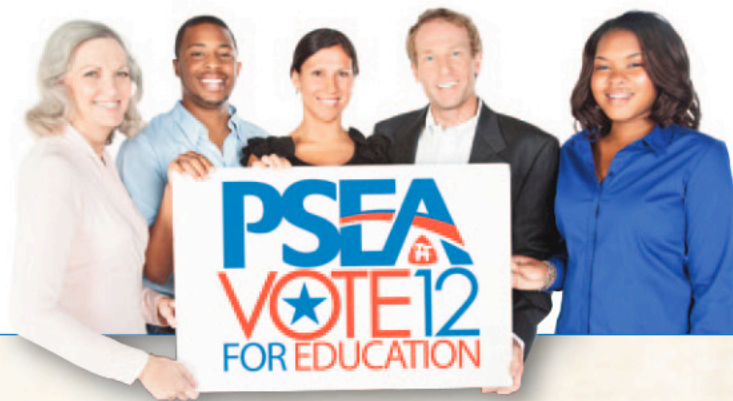
PSEA-PACE supports candidates who support public education and middle-class working people like you and me.

It's important for you to give to PSEA-PACE because PSEA-PACE depends on the voluntary contributions of members like YOU.

To make a contribution to PSEA-PACE and for more information, please visit [www.psea.org/pace](http://www.psea.org/pace).

## How Do I Register and When Can I Vote?

- ▶ The primary election is on **April 24**. The general election is on **November 6**.
- ▶ If you aren't registered to vote, go to [www.psea.org/vote2012](http://www.psea.org/vote2012) to find out how and where you can register to vote.
- ▶ Watch your mailbox for your **Member Voter Guide** that you can take to the ballot box.
- ▶ Learn about the candidates.



## Use Your **VOICE** Cast Your **VOTE**, Shape Our **FUTURE**

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