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A Romney presidency: Corbett, Christie, Walker on steroids



promised a secure retirement, and they have been faithfully contributing their shares to state pension funds all along. Had the state and local governments kept their share of the agreement we wouldn't be in this situation."

As the governor's fiscal architect, Zogby's comments confirm that attacking public employee pensions will be a central theme of the governor's 2013-14 budget proposals, which also can be expected to again attempt to undermine public schools.

Prior to Zogby's interview with *Capitolwire*, the September issue of *Voice* explained in more detail the proposals being floated in the Legislature (www.psea.org/voice), including inducements for current employees to switch to the defined contribution plan created for new hires. There would also be negative effects on PSEA retirees who could see serious repercussions for the Public School Employees' Retirement System's Health Option Program.

Zogby's comments that current employees could be targeted elevate the stakes even higher for ALL PSEA members.

Studies, experience in other states and the private sector, and testimony by independent witnesses at a joint hearing of the state House Finance and State Government committees in August all demonstrated that the ideology of supporters of defined contribution plans isn't supported by the math.

Defined contribution plans are more costly for taxpayers to administer, provide inferior benefits, and by extension hurt the overall economy.

But as Crossey noted, "We've seen over the past two years, that the governor and his supporters aren't inclined to allow proven and research-based facts to get in their way."

Do you like Gov. Tom Corbett's historic funding cuts to public education, and his major policy initiatives like private school vouchers? How about his new attack on public employee pensions?

And what about Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and New Jersey Chris Christie, and their disdain for public employee unions and collective bargaining?

All three are mutual admirers, and all three are supporters of Mitt Romney for president. They and governors with similar ideology in states like Ohio and Indiana would have the ear of a "President Romney." Maybe even cabinet positions.

"A vote for Mitt Romney is a vote for Tom Corbett, and other politicians who also are demonizing teachers, attacking public education, and pandering to big business and the wealthy," said PSEA President Michael J. Crossey. "Certainly, what happens on Wall Street is important to the country, but corporate titans shouldn't be getting tax and regulatory breaks when Main Street is suffering and being deprived of resources."

In Pennsylvania, examples abound of hundreds of millions of dollars of potential revenue that could be gained by closing tax loopholes for major corporations like Home Depot, Walmart, and Toys R Us. Corbett has ignored calls to close the "Delaware Loophole," which allows multistate companies to shield profits from the state's Corporate Net Income Tax. He has refused to enact an extraction tax on natural gas companies in the Marcellus Shale, and he gave \$1.7 billion in tax credits to Shell Oil Co. to locate an ethane cracking plant in western Pennsylvania.

"Foreign language and arts programs are being eliminated, class sizes are bulging at the seams, and nearly 20,000 educators have lost their jobs because of state budget cuts, and the governor gives \$1.7 billion in tax breaks to big business," Crossey said.

Shell's parent company, Royal Dutch Shell, is the second largest in the world and reported profits of \$31 billion in profits in 2011.

"These are exactly the kind of policies Mitt Romney supports," Crossey said. "And he has the nerve to call 47 percent of middle- and low-income Americans freeloaders?"

Long before Romney's infamous "47 percent" remark in a video at a fundraising event he thought was private, the choice between him and President Barack Obama was clear.

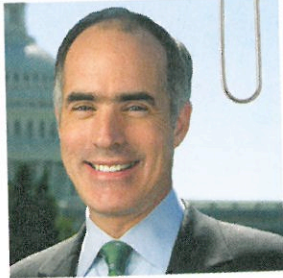
In his first year in office, the president invested an additional \$90 billion in public education. His economic stimulus package saved more than 450,000 education jobs across the country, he has steadfastly opposed tuition vouchers, and he staunchly supported reasonable reforms to protect Medicare and Social Security.

On the other hand, tuition vouchers are a centerpiece of Romney's education program, along with steep funding cuts to private schools. As for retirement security, he favors caps on Medicare and Social Security to reduce benefits. The track record of his running mate on these issues, Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan, is even worse.

"For educators and other middle-class working families the choice couldn't be any clearer," Crossey said. "President Obama has stood with public educators, and he has fought against bad policies. The Tom Corbetts, Chris Christies, and Scott Walkers have been bad enough at the state levels. Just think of their policies in the White House." ■

On Election Day Stand With Candidates Who Stand With YOU.

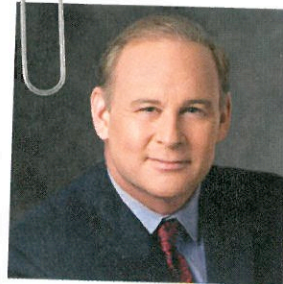
My notes
for Nov. 6
election!



Bob Casey, Jr.
for U.S. Senate



Kathleen Kane
for PA Attorney General



Rob McCord
for PA Treasurer



Eugene DePasquale
for PA Auditor General

He is fighting
for Public
Education in
Washington

She will
Fight to
Protect
Our
Children

He will Protect My Pension

He is fighting to
fully fund my School

Last election I voted for
~~Tom Corbett~~
2 years later my school and
I are NOT better off.

These Candidates support Me and

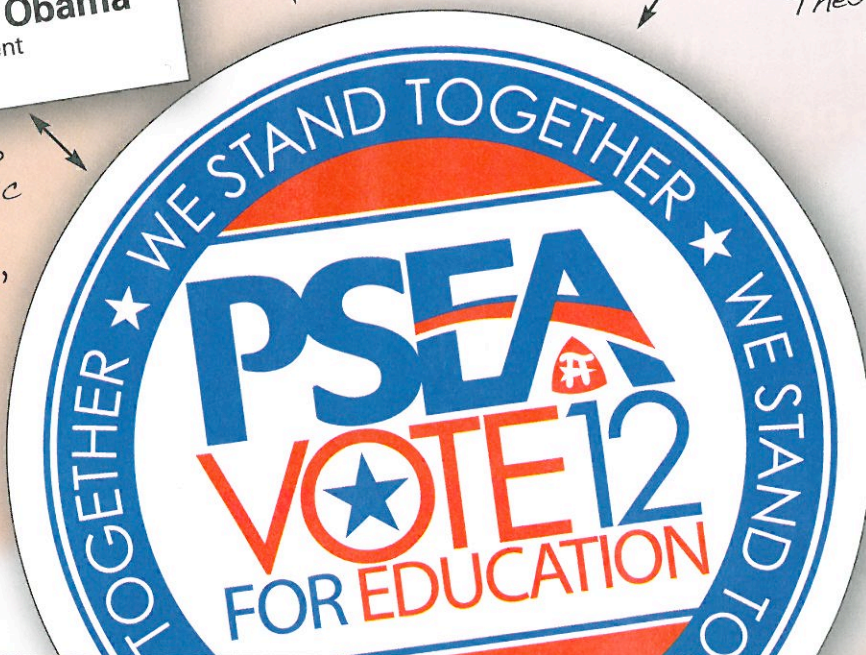
my Students
my Job
my Pension
my Retirement
my Future

This election I
will STAND with
these candidates and
Public Education

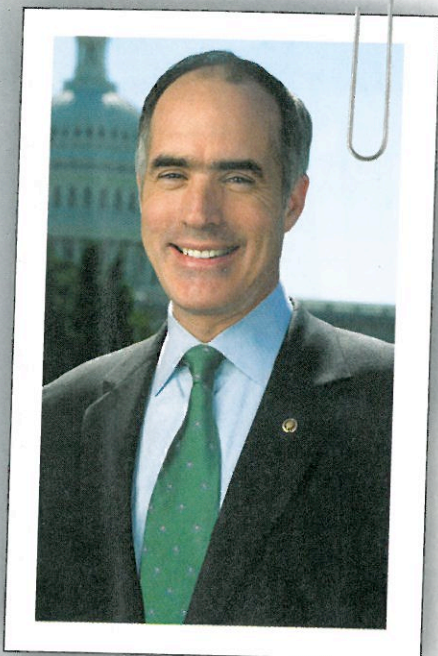


Barack Obama
for President

We need to
move public
education
FORWARD,
not
backward



Standing Up for Our Schools



Vote Bob Casey, Jr.

*Opposing privatizing Social Security
is really important!*

FOR U.S. SENATE

Because He Will Fight for Public Education

Since Bob Casey, Jr. was elected to the U.S. Senate, he has been fighting for public education. He is working to rehire furloughed educators and support professionals - and he supports more federal funding to hire new educators and support professionals.

Bob Casey, Jr. believes that collective bargaining rights are a fundamental American value. And he will protect Medicare, oppose privatizing Social Security, and oppose raising your retirement age.

He is working hard to get my friends from school back to work

Bob Casey, Jr. Stands With YOU.

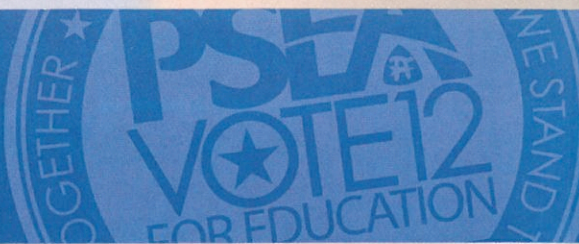
- Fighting for Our Union Rights
- Working to Hire More Educators and Support Professionals
- Protecting Medicare and Social Security



* Casey Will fight for Me and Public Education in Washington and that is something we really need.

I will STAND with Casey on Nov. 6

and Our Jobs...



*We really do need more school funding
we lost 13 positions just in my school*

Vote **Eugene DePasquale**

FOR STATE AUDITOR GENERAL

Because He Will Fight to Fund Our Public Schools

As a state representative, Eugene DePasquale has fought Gov. Tom Corbett's attacks on the public schools – because he believes in public education.

As Auditor General, Eugene DePasquale will hold Gov. Corbett accountable and demand greater transparency from the administration.

Eugene DePasquale opposes tuition vouchers and opposes Gov. Corbett's devastating public school funding cuts. He supports smaller class sizes, full-day kindergarten, and tutoring initiatives.

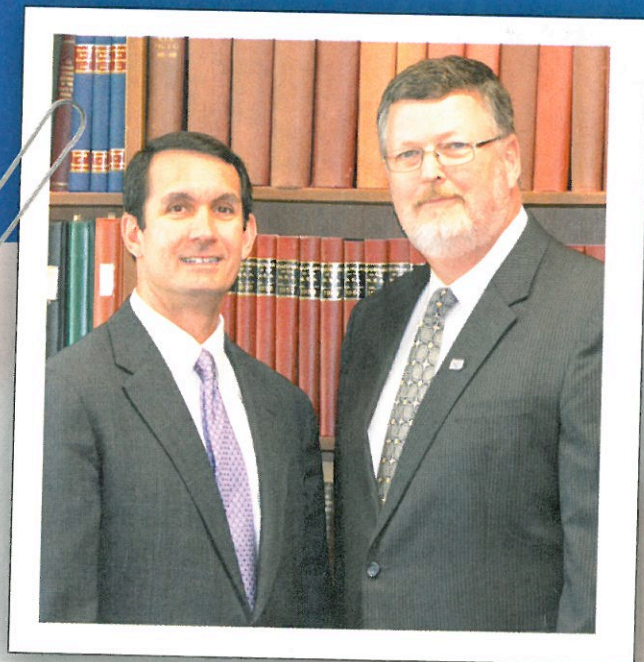
He won't stand for Corbett's funding cuts ✖

Eugene DePasquale Stands With YOU.

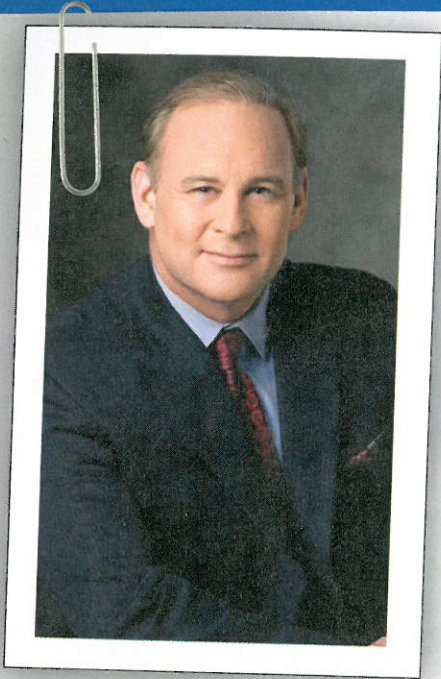
- Fighting to Fund Our Public Schools
- Protecting Public Education
- Working to Invest in Programs That Work for Our Students

This guy has stood for me many times in the State House. I will STAND with him!

DePasquale will get my VOTE on Nov. 6



...Standing Up for Our Students



Vote Rob McCord

We really need him to be fighting for our pensions when Governor Corbett tries to dismantle them

FOR STATE TREASURER

Because He Will Protect Our Pensions

As Pennsylvania's Treasurer, Rob McCord has supported public education, protected public employee pensions, and helped Pennsylvania families save for college.

Rob McCord graduated from Pennsylvania's public schools. He supports the public schools and opposes Gov. Tom Corbett's voucher schemes.

Rob McCord has worked hard to help protect public employee pensions, and he is committed to keeping those pension plans safe.

Rob McCord Stands With YOU.

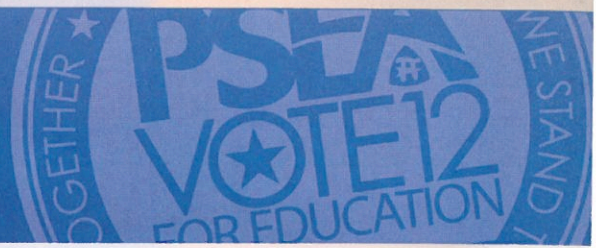
- Protecting Our Pensions
- Fighting Bad Policies
- Working to Increase Investment Returns



*I really need someone who will continue to protect my Pension
He has stood up to Corbett's voucher schemes*

*I will STAND
with McCord!*

s and Our Pensions



I love that protecting our kids is a top priority for her.

Vote **Kathleen Kane**

FOR STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL
Because She Will Fight to Protect Our Children

Kathleen Kane is a tough, experienced prosecutor. She has spent her career protecting children. And she will bring that experience to Harrisburg.

Kathleen Kane has worked closely with educators and law enforcement on anti-bullying initiatives, substance abuse prevention programs, and safe schools programs.

Kathleen Kane will be an independent voice in Harrisburg, who will stand up to Tom Corbett's bad policies.

Kathleen Kane Stands With YOU.

- **Working With Educators and Support Professionals**
- **Protecting Our Children**
- **Fighting Bad Policies**

Kane is a strong voice on the anti-bullying issue. That is very important to me.

She comes from a family of teachers!

Kathleen Kane will get my VOTE



Help Move Public Education FORWARD VOTE on November 6.



Vote ** We need a president who really cares about my working family and my students' success.*

Barack Obama

FOR PRESIDENT

Because He Will Move Public Education FORWARD

Since President Barack Obama took office, he has been fighting to save education jobs and invest in our public schools. His initiatives have saved more than 450,000 education jobs across the country and provided an additional \$90 million in public school funding.

President Obama is fighting to protect Medicare and Social Security. And he opposes vouchers and supports funding programs that work for students.

Barack Obama Stands With YOU.

- Fighting to Save Education Jobs
- Protecting Medicare and Social Security
- Working to Invest in Public Schools



*He understands how important Public Education is to the future of Our Country!
We need to continue to move public education FORWARD, not backward.*

President Obama will get my VOTE on Nov. 6