



Communiqué

at a Glance Edition

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Spring Election: Vote April 3

In addition to many local school board and local school referendums on this April's ballot there are three significant statewide items.

1. **Wisconsin Supreme Court** – One seat on the court is up for election this spring and a second seat will be up next year. It is a very real possibility that within two years the Wisconsin Supreme court could be turned from its current ultra conservative, pro-corporation makeup to a moderate more pro-labor and pro-public-school court. WEAC is recommending Judge **Rebecca Dallet**.
2. **Wisconsin State Treasurer Amendment** - A statewide referendum on whether or not Wisconsin should amend its Constitution to eliminate the Office of the State Treasurer. If passed, Wisconsin would be the only state in the nation without a financial officer/financial watchdog. Currently, the state treasurer sits on the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) and oversees the Common School Fund. The office is independently elected by Wisconsin voters. Many of the treasurer's duties have been transferred to executive branch agencies over the years as part of the effort to eliminate the office. **Vote No** on the elimination of the State Treasurer.
3. **Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Primary** - About 17 candidates are running in the democratic primary. Eight of the wider known candidates are State Superintendent Tony Evers; state Sen. Kathleen Vinehout, of Alma; state Rep. Dana
4. Wachs, of Eau Claire; former Democratic Party Chairman Matt Flynn; Milwaukee businessman Andy Gronik; political activist Mike McCabe; firefighter union leader Mahlon Mitchell; former Madison Mayor, Paul Soglin; former state Rep. Kelda Helen Roys, of Madison. WEAC is not making a recommendation prior to the primary.

What You Can Do

- **Get informed (Go to the CRUE/WEAC Region 4 Facebook page to get sharable election information.)**
- **Share election information with 10 friends and/or relatives on social media or through good old conversation.**
- **Go to vote on April 3 and make sure 10 of your friends and/or**

Victory for Public Educator Rights

Last month, Wisconsin teacher union members were notified that the DPI was putting forward new teacher disciplinary action through proposed rules. These were called **boundary violations** and were broadly categorized as aggravating factors that could cause a license to be revoked, the overhaul would also reward teachers for becoming informants against other teachers. Your union called members to action and they responded. Educators showed in mass to public hearings across the state to voice their concern. They sent personalized messages to the DPI. Over 2000 teachers took part in a town hall phone call and CRUE/Region 4 teachers met with Tony Evers. The result is that the DPI has dropped its disciplinary proposed rules in its entirety. **Solidarity and a collective union voice worked.**

Student Behavior Difficulties? Employee Stress? Bring fun back to the job!

Join us for a Love & Logic in the Classroom Introduction Presentation

5:30-7:00 at the CRUE/ Region 4 Office (2020 Caroline St. La Crosse) Tuesday, April 24

Cost is free to Members and Non-members

Call Jenna at (608) 781-1234 to reserve a spot

A great introduction to learning the 9 essential skills for teachers and the complete 9 module program offered in the fall of 2018.