

YOUR VOTE, THEIR FUTURE

Education Is On Your Ballot

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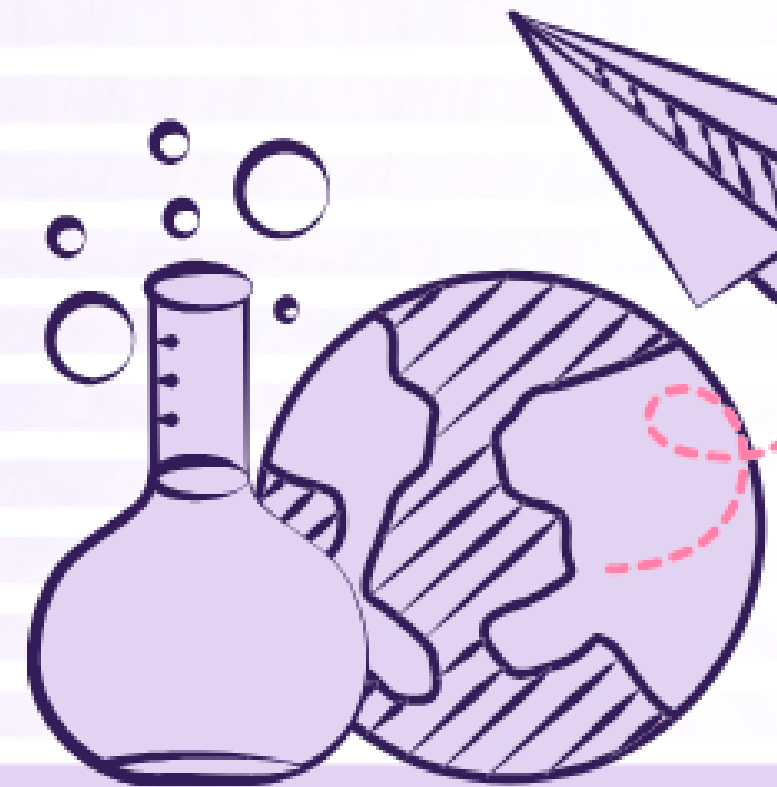
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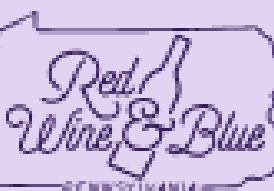


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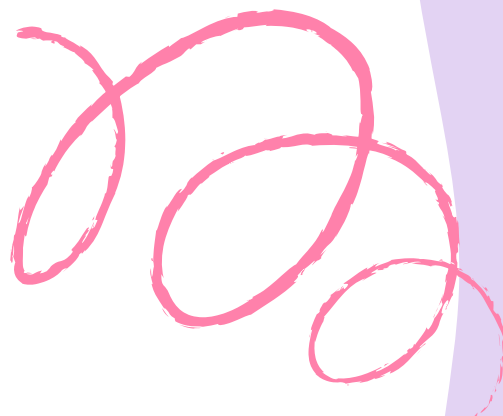


Why Are We Here?

Decentralized Federal protections over Education resources have kicked the power to determine the future of education to local communities. This means school boards are even more important and last year's election results in PA showed that voters got that message loud and clear.

AND YET...

*You can elect the most supportive school board in the state, and it won't matter much if Harrisburg doesn't send the funding to back it up. **Local elections decide how the money gets spent, state elections decide how much money there is.***

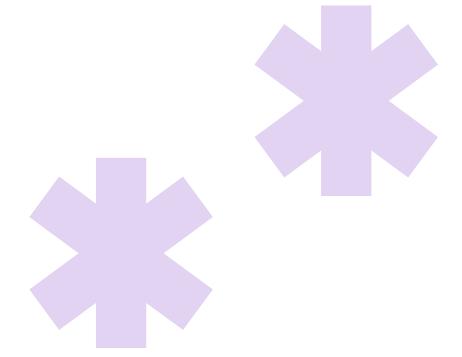


What's the bottom line?

- ***Pennsylvania's school funding system was found unconstitutional in 2023 after decades of underinvestment.***
- ***There was roughly \$1 billion cut in 2011 under a Republican governor and a Republican legislature. For the eight years that followed, the legislature remained under Republican control even as funding needs grew.***
- ***Since Governor Shapiro and a Democratic majority in the House were elected, Pennsylvania has increased school funding by over \$3 billion, a 35% increase. That progress required a Democratic House and Governor willing to prioritize the increases, through final budgets that still required Republican Senate agreement each year.***

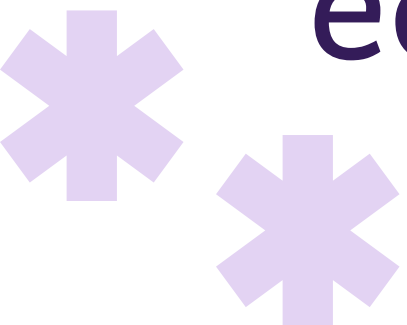


So What?



Proper funding of Public Education only happens because enough legislators vote for it. That means a few seats flipping either direction next election changes whether that number grows or shrinks.

Who has the power in the state legislature to make those decisions and whether they have a record of being supportive of public education...it matters.



BOTTOM LINE...WHO WE ELECT WILL DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF PA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

*PUBLIC EDUCATION IS AN ISSUE THAT MATTERS TO MOST
PEOPLE. WHEN PEOPLE LEARN ABOUT WHAT'S AT STAKE FOR
AN ISSUE FROM SOMEONE THEY KNOW...THEY LISTEN. WE HAVE
DATA TO BACK THIS UP*

That's why we need to Electa-Trifecta



THE BARRIER OF BIG MONEY IN PA POLITICS

JEFFREY YASS CO-FOUNDED THE PHILADELPHIA-BASED TRADING FIRM SUSQUEHANNA INTERNATIONAL GROUP AND IS A MAJOR INVESTOR IN TIKTOK, WHICH HAS MADE HIM PENNSYLVANIA'S WEALTHIEST PERSON. HE IS CURRENTLY THE LARGEST GOP MEGADONOR FOR THIS YEAR'S MIDTERMS.

YASS HAS A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON DOWN-BALLOT PENNSYLVANIA RACES THAT'S UNUSUAL AMONG MEGADONORS, INCLUDING A \$34 MILLION DONATION TO STUDENTS FIRST PAC IN PENNSYLVANIA, A PAC THAT SUPPORTS FUNNELLING PUBLIC TAX MONEY TO PRIVATE AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS.

THE PA LEGISLATURE, WHICH INCLUDES MANY LEGISLATORS HE PERSONALLY FUNDED, HAS FUNNELED MORE THAN \$2.5 BILLION INTO PRIVATE AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS THROUGH TAX-CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS. ENTITIES ASSOCIATED WITH YASS AND HIS SIG CO-FOUNDERS WERE THE TOP THREE BENEFICIARIES OF THOSE SAME TAX-CREDIT PROGRAMS. THIS ISN'T JUST IDEOLOGICAL FOR YASS, IT'S ALSO FINANCIALLY SELF-SERVING.

ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE STILL BEATS ONE BILLIONAIRE'S CHECKBOOK

- **Being informed is the first line of defense** - A \$34 million donation only works if voters don't know it's there. Every person who understands what's behind a "school choice" talking point, or knows which candidates are funded by interests that profit from defunding public schools, is a voter that money can't quietly move.
- **Turnout dilutes influence** - A megadonor's dollars go furthest in low-turnout, low-attention races. Getting out the vote shrinks the leverage that money buys.
- **Organizing beats spending** - One donor can write a \$34 million check. He can't personally knock on doors, write postcards, or have a conversation with an undecided neighbor. That's still work only people can do - so let's do it!

Powering PA's Next Generation of Voters

Encourage Students 17 and older to work the polls, register high school seniors to vote and earn recognition for the effort.

- POWER THE POLLS: The NEA is shining a light on civic engagement, encouraging young people to work the polls at a time PA needs poll workers.***
- GOVERNOR'S CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AWARDS: Schools that register eligible seniors by spring can earn statewide recognition.***



POWER TO THE POLLS



Age 17+

Individuals 17 and older are eligible to work the polls on election day



Get PAID

Poll workers are compensated for their time and service



Get RECOGNIZED

Eligible for state's student poll worker award.

GOVERNOR'S CIVICS AWARD



Silver Level

65% of eligible seniors registered by spring



Gold Level

85% of eligible seniors registered by spring

Red Wine & Blue

You Don't Have To Do It Alone

- ***There are resources for educators and coordinators running voter and poll worker drives***
 - ***Non partisan organizations will come to schools***
 - ***The County Intermediate Unit can connect with Social Studies Teachers***
 - ***Student clubs that already exist can lead the effort***
 - ***Reach out to the coordinator of a past winning school***



Let's RAISE Participation

- *As of May 27, 2026 (35 out of 500) PA HS won the 2025/2026 Governor's Civic Engagement Awards for helping approximately 8,000 eligible students to register to vote. In addition 633 student poll workers were honored for serving at voting locations during the November 2025 general election.*
- *We have a lot of room to grow and many schools don't know about this option.*
- *Give your local school the info and let's raise civic participation across the commonwealth*



THANK YOU

Get the latest information and updates about our program

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