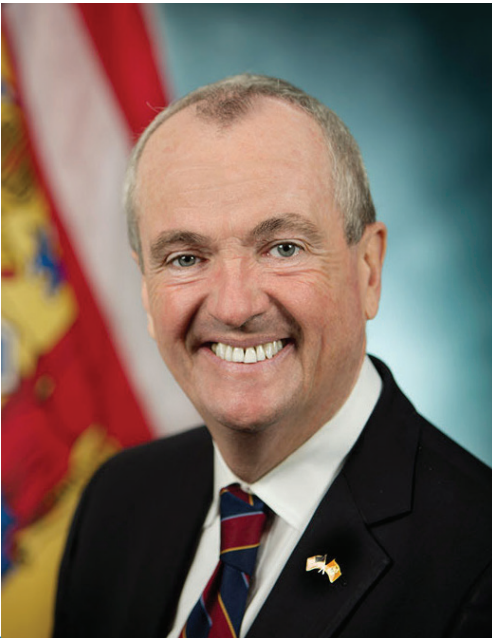


## Which Gubernatorial Candidate is Best for New Jersey Students?

Gov. Phil Murphy, NJEA's endorsed candidate for Governor, has earned the respect of educators by keeping his campaign promises. But don't take our word for it: Phil Murphy's record speaks for itself.



### Murphy (D)

56th Governor of New Jersey running for reelection

### Ciattarelli (R)

Former state-assemblyman from Somerset County

#### PENSION FUNDING

**Funded educators' pensions at record levels.** Believing the state should keep its promises to educators, Gov. Murphy kept his 2017 campaign promise to make the state's first full pension payment in more than 25 years — and he did so a full year ahead of schedule.

**Pensions aren't a priority.** When educators asked Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli in 2015 why he didn't support the state making its scheduled pension payments, he responded "life's not fair" and dismissed our pensions as a "can that is getting kicked down the road."

#### SCHOOL FUNDING

**Increased school funding to record levels.** Gov. Murphy has proven that he values public schools. He's increased access to preschool for working families. He's expanded access to tuition reimbursement at community colleges for qualified students and added an additional \$5 million in state funding to community colleges.

**Wants to "reimagine" school funding, without the details.** Without discussing the specifics, Jack Ciattarelli claims his first budget would "have a new school funding formula that provides a flatter, more equitable distribution of state aid for schools." That's a politician's way of saying he wants to cut funding from students who need it most.

#### RESPECT FOR EDUCATORS/WORKER'S RIGHTS

**Supports educators and unions.** Working with NJEA members, Gov. Murphy signed the Chapter 78 relief bill and two ESP Job Justice bills into law. Gov. Murphy has consistently worked with educators and NJEA leaders on a wide array of issues.

**Opposes educator unions and aims to divide members.** Stealing a trick from his political hero, former Gov. Chris Christie, Jack Ciattarelli uses divisive rhetoric to try to divide educators from their union. He was invited twice and twice refused to show up for the NJEA political endorsement screening process.

#### LGBTQ CURRICULUM

**Supports the recently passed LGBTQ curriculum.** A champion of inclusion, diversity and teaching the truth, Gov. Murphy signed the LGBTQ curriculum into law in 2019. With Murphy's signature, New Jersey became the second state to implement an LGBTQ inclusive curriculum.

**"We're going to roll back the LGBTQ curriculum. It goes too far,"** says Ciattarelli, who aims to remove the LGBTQ curriculum from schools. He has used derogatory language while falsely claiming the LGBTQ curriculum exposes young children to explicit sexual acts.

## COVID-19 SCHOOL RESPONSES

**Follows the science and health care professionals.** Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. Murphy has worked to keep New Jersey's residents safe.

**An extreme position.** Jack Ciattarelli continues to allow political jockeying to guide his decision-making. He's claimed that no students should be required to wear masks in schools, and, taking an extreme step beyond COVID-19 vaccines, he has claimed that NO vaccines should be mandated in the state of New Jersey, many of which have helped to keep thousands of people safe from deadly diseases like the measles and mumps.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL OPTIONS

**Prevents further charter school expansion.** Wants to take a "time out" on the state's expansion of public charter schools. Believes that taxpayers deserve full oversight of the schools they fund and attend.

**Supports diverting public funds to private schools.** Wrongly believes that charter schools make for stronger communities and says he "will always support school choice in New Jersey" even though those programs divert needed funding from accountable public schools.

## TAX FAIRNESS

**Believes tax cuts for the wealthy perpetuate inequities.** Has worked to increase the millionaire's tax in New Jersey so that the state and its support of all its residents will be stronger and fairer. He passed a school funding overhaul that kept taxes down while supporting New Jersey's schools in fair, equitable ways regardless of the school district.

**Wants to cut taxes for millionaires.** A believer in trickle-down economics, he wants to gift steep income tax cuts to the wealthiest New Jerseyans and big businesses, too. Ciattarelli even wants to redistribute school aid to siphon tax dollars from under-resourced school districts and redistribute it to wealthy, suburban districts.

## VOTING RIGHTS

**Expand voting rights.** Gov. Murphy has focused on making it easier, not harder, for more people to vote.

**Restrict voting rights.** Ciattarelli wants to make it more difficult for more people to vote. He wants to institute stricter "voter identification, polling machine uniformity across counties, voter purges unpegged from federal election cycles and early in-person voting."

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