

OEA Campaign 2018 10 Minute Meeting Script



Goals for the meeting

- Make clear the urgency of **electing** Rich Cordray as the next Governor of Ohio
- Convey the stark difference between Rich Cordray and Mike DeWine on our issues
- Recruit members to take the pledge and organize their network using *Me+3*
- Recruit members to volunteer for Campaign 2018 Activities

Script for the Member Meeting

I. Electing Rich Cordray is about protecting students, public schools and your union.

DO *Open by discussing the importance of electing Rich Cordray as next Governor.*

- SAY**
- We must elect Rich Cordray as the next Governor of Ohio. By electing Rich, we can reverse a lot of the bad things that occurred during the Kasich Administration – anti-labor initiatives, school takeover law, expansion of poor-performing charter schools, efforts to privatize school services, and overreliance on high-stakes testing to measure student performance and teacher evaluations, among them.
 - Rich Cordray is OEA’s endorsed candidate because he:
 - Will fight for fewer standardized tests and more state funding for public schools
 - Will promote universal pre-K and free community college
 - Will hold poor-performing charter schools accountable and would eliminate for-profit charter school operators.
 - Rich Cordray supported our efforts to repeal Senate Bill 5 and as Governor will protect and strengthen collective bargaining rights.

II. DeWine is the wrong choice because of his negative record when it comes to our issues

DO *Hand Out Cordray/DeWine Flyer*

- SAY**
- While in Congress, Mike DeWine voted to slash federal funds to public schools – including voting for the largest education cut in history as part of the FY 1997 Budget Resolution and in 1999 voting to cut federal education funding by an additional \$200 million.
 - DeWine failed for years to crack down on failing charter schools, like ECOT, as these poor-performing schools diverted hundreds of millions of dollars from local public schools.
 - As Attorney General, Mike DeWine allowed private firms to charge Ohioans outrageous fees as they sought to pay off student loans.

III. If elected Governor, DeWine would support the DeVos school privatization agenda

- SAY**
- It's no secret that Mike DeWine supports the DeVos plan to privatize public education through the expansion of charter schools and private school vouchers.
 - While in Congress, DeWine voted to use public dollars to support private school vouchers.
 - And as AG, Mike DeWine was more interested in serving his charter school donors than the taxpayers. He received \$40,000 from the scandal-ridden ECOT and failed to take any action until well after ECOT's rigging of student attendance records had been exposed.

IV. Educators should urge their colleagues, friends and family to vote for Rich Cordray and pro-public education candidates up and down the ballot

DO *Hand out the Me+3 pledge card and OEA Endorsed candidates list*

- SAY**
- The election for Governor is going to be very close. To win, we must turn out as many colleagues, friends and family members as possible to vote for Rich Cordray and other pro-public education candidates.
 - We must use our personal relationships to mobilize our colleagues to vote for pro-public education candidates.
 - We are asking you to take ownership of your vote and the votes of at minimum three of your colleagues, friends and family
 - I need you to sign the pledge and distribute cards so that others also sign the pledge. An electronic version of the pledge may be found on the members-only side of the OEA web site (<https://www.ohea.org/>)
 - You may also find the endorsed pro-public education candidates in your area by going to <https://www.ohioballot.com>
 - Please join Educators for Ohio on Facebook, where you will find other information about OEA's campaign efforts this year.