

# EXAMINE THE FACTS

## ISSUE Dan Malloy

### Teacher pensions

- First governor in Connecticut's history to annually fully fund teacher pensions during his term in office and guarantee full funding in the future.<sup>1</sup>
- Exempted a portion of teacher pensions from state income taxes.<sup>2</sup>

### School funding

- Increased state funds for education by half a billion dollars, including \$45 million in underperforming schools.<sup>3</sup>
- Put Connecticut on the path toward universal pre-K by expanding early childhood education opportunities.<sup>4</sup>

### Collective bargaining

- Supports teachers' rights to collectively bargain and negotiate contracts, benefits, and working conditions.<sup>5</sup>

### Standardized testing

- Advocates limiting standardized testing in high school and established a grant program for elementary and middle schools to take similar steps.<sup>6</sup>

## Tom Foley

- Advocates cutting public employee pension benefits and ending defined benefit plans.<sup>1</sup>
- Advocates to suspend COLAs in some circumstances and reduce/cap COLAs in other instances.<sup>2</sup>
- Cut employee pension benefits as CEO of TB Woods, Inc. Tried to underfund employee pensions by 36 percent at the Bibb Company.<sup>3</sup>

- Supports a "Money Follows the Child" scheme that would drain more than \$35 million from local public schools, causing teacher layoffs and larger class sizes.<sup>4</sup>
- Declared that "institutions that aren't performing lose. That's kind of the way the private sector works, and it ought to be the way schools work."<sup>5</sup>
- Supports allocating different amounts of money for different children, depending on their achievement. "High-performing kids are not expensive to educate," Foley said, so they would receive lower amounts of state education funding than students who don't perform well.<sup>6</sup>
- Proposes flat-funding entire state budget. Would use Walmart's tactic of pressuring suppliers to "get products at lower costs" to cut state costs, possibly including education funding.<sup>7</sup>

- Called for Connecticut to have a "Wisconsin moment," referring to the 2010 Republican takeover in Wisconsin.<sup>8</sup>
- Said as governor, he could break union contracts in a "fiscal emergency."<sup>9</sup>
- Favors repealing prevailing wage laws and mandatory arbitration. Said unions have "an inappropriate amount of influence."<sup>10</sup>

- Plans to increase testing by requiring third graders to pass a reading test in order to enter fourth grade. Wants high school students to pass a Regents-type exam to graduate.<sup>11</sup>

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