GUBERNATORIAL RACE: YOUR GUIDE TO WHERE THE CANDIDATES STAND ON EDUCATION

NED LAMONT

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BOB STEFANOWSKI

- No response on questionnaire as of press time
- No information provided online or in public dialogue on teacher pensions

TEACHER PENSIONS

- Supports reducing class sizes
- Supports increasing counselor-to-student ratios
- Advocates for increasing the number of social workers in Connecticut’s schools

TEACHING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Supports maintaining state grants to municipalities and restoring statewide equity to education cost share (ECS) funding
- Supports maintaining state grants to municipalities but plans to cut billions in state revenue, which jeopardizes education spending
- Favors privatization of public schools and supports Betsy DeVos’s plans

SCHOOL FUNDING

- Supports teachers’ rights to collectively bargain and negotiate contracts, benefits, and working conditions
- Applauds the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Janus v. AFSCME, which threatens to undermine collective bargaining

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

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