



# Missouri National Education Association

2018 Questionnaire

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:** Have you ever taught or worked in a school? Do you have any relatives who teach or work in a school? Where do they work?

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**BACKGROUND / COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Please share any information about your background or community involvement you would like to bring to the attention of MNEA members. Please include any clubs, social organizations, or volunteer experiences.

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## EDUCATION / OCCUPATION:

OCCUPATION:	High School:	College (Degree):
	Trade / Technical School (Degree or Certification):	Graduate School (Degree):

PLEASE RETURN BY **May 29, 2018** TO **MNEA-PAC**, 1810 EAST ELM ST, JEFFERSON CITY MO 65101

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please answer the questions below by indicating your **support** or **opposition**. Any additional information can be included in the space provided.

**CLASSROOM PRIORITIES:**

- 1) Missouri NEA believes access to an adequately and equitably funded public education is a fundamental right for every student. Would you support efforts to ensure Missouri meets its obligation to fund public schools adequately and fully fund the education foundation formula?

**SUPPORT**       **OPPOSE**

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2) In 2014, Governor Nixon vetoed Senate Bill 509 and in 2013 House Bill 253 - both bills included tax cuts reducing state revenue and creating budget shortfalls. Would you have supported the Governor's veto of these bills?

**SUPPORT**       **OPPOSE**

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- 3) Missouri NEA supports responsible tax policy to provide adequate revenue to support public education and promote economic opportunity for all Missourians. Tax credits reduce state revenues by more than \$600 million per year and are not subject to the normal legislative appropriations process. Do you support efforts to increase oversight of Missouri's tax credit programs and subject tax credits to the regular appropriations process?

**SUPPORT**       **OPPOSE**

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4) The creation of vouchers or tuition tax deductions/credits diverts funds from public schools to parents who choose to educate their children in private schools. Do you support or oppose vouchers or tuition tax deductions/credits proposals?

**Vouchers:**                                     **SUPPORT**                     **OPPOSE**  
**Tuition Tax Credits/Deductions:**     **SUPPORT**                     **OPPOSE**

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**ENSURING EVERY CHILD HAS A QUALIFIED, CARING, AND COMMITTED TEACHER:**

5) Missouri NEA supports the implementation of high-quality evaluation systems and standards for educators. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) creates high-quality model evaluation systems for teachers and administrators. School districts maintain local control of educator evaluations by creating their policies within the framework of the DESE model. Do you support legislation to keep local control of educator assessments and prevent state mandates on the weight of state standardized test scores for educator evaluations?

**SUPPORT**     **OPPOSE**

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6) In Missouri, teachers earn tenure after five (5) years of employment with the same school district. Tenure provides due-process protections for teachers in case of termination. Do you support due process for teachers?

**SUPPORT**     **OPPOSE**

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**CREATING AN EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP THAT HOLDS EVERYONE ACCOUNTABLE:**

- 7) Under the Missouri Constitution, public school employees have the right to organize and bargain. Collective bargaining promotes shared decision-making at the local level and results in binding agreements for both educators and school boards. Do you support legislation allowing school employees the right to organize, elect a representative of their choosing, and bargain collectively?

**SUPPORT**    **OPPOSE**

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- 8) Under Missouri law and school board policy, an individual employee must authorize requests for payroll deductions including association/union dues. This law has been working well for the last thirty years. Do you support or oppose a bill seeking to impose more restrictions on school employees and public employees use of payroll deduction to pay their dues or make voluntary political contributions to labor organizations?

**SUPPORT**    **OPPOSE**

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- 9) MNEA believes charter public schools should be accountable, transparent, and respect the rights of students, parents, and school employees. Charter public schools are accountable only to sponsors and are not evaluated by the same standards as local school districts. Would you support legislation to ensure the same standards for charter schools and local school districts?

**SUPPORT**    **OPPOSE**

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10) "Open enrollment" permits students to attend any public school in the state of Missouri even if it is outside the students' home district. Do you support open enrollment in Missouri?

SUPPORT    OPPOSE

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11) What legislative issues most interest you?

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12) What should be the top education priority for the Missouri Legislature? What would be your education priority?

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**ELECTORAL VIABILITY:** Part of the MNEA-PAC screening process is to assess the viability and electability of candidates. The following section asks questions about your district and campaign organization.

13) About how many votes will you need to win your election? \_\_\_\_\_

14) How much money will you need to raise?    \$\_\_\_\_\_

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