

ELECTION RESULTS: A MESSAGE FROM JOANNA

Good morning, coworkers.

We know that for many of us in the union, the top of the ticket news is hard this morning, and to me, it's especially hard that North Carolina went for Trump after a TON of get-out-the-vote work from brilliant statewide organizations who put everything we had into this election.

As the local public school workers' union, you and your coworkers can be very proud, as I am, of the work we've done during this election, endorsing 16 candidates in a member-led process, covering 135 canvass shifts, knocking 2,200 doors, and poll greeting for 40 shifts at 10 targeted precincts yesterday.

The remaining updates concern our union-endorsed candidates for elected office. Each endorsed candidate was vetted and endorsed through a member-led rigorous interview process carried out by the state-level and local-level Government Relations Committees.

I'm going to share some bad news first and good news second.

- Our wonderful GCS educator candidate, **Dr. Tanneshia Dukes**, ran an amazing, brilliant, unflappable, compassionate, people-centered, public education focused campaign in a very gerrymandered district. Although she lost this race, I'm looking forward to whatever she decides to take on next for the students, teachers, and families of Guilford County and North Carolina.
- The **local sales tax increase to fund public school worker pay** did not pass. We must continue to hold both local and state politicians accountable for funding public schools. We also know that the referendum wording on the ballot (according to state law) did not include public schools, so this is NOT an indication of voters' unwillingness to increase taxes in support of public schools.
- **Allison Riggs** lost the NC Supreme Court seat by less than a percentage point. One thing we know is that many anti-abortion voters don't connect public school funding with a pro-life moral stance, so we can continue to draw that line for our friends and neighbors.

NOW FOR THE GOOD NEWS!

- Our union sister, **Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy**, won her seat on the County Commission with a mandate! In this campaign of a union member, managed by a



union member, and staffed largely by union member volunteers, that is a HUGE win!
Strong work, Mary Beth, and strong work, team!

- Former GCS Superintendent **Mo Green** is our next State Superintendent! We can claim that victory as educators who have knocked doors and called phones feverishly throughout this very tight race against a very troubling opponent.
- **THE SUPERMAJORITY IS BROKEN!** One party no longer has the power to pass whatever laws they want! (Looking at you, vouchers.) This is an enormous win for the people of North Carolina who deserve a government who works for US!
- **Josh Stein** won Governor, **Rachel Hunt** won Lieutenant Governor, and **Jeff Jackson** won Attorney General, keeping a load of extremists off of our Council of State.
- We continue to hold a majority on our local **Board of County Commissioners** and **Board of Education!**
 - Congrats to our endorsed BOCC candidates: Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill, Carly Cooke, and Skip Alston!
 - Congrats to our Board of Ed endorsed candidates: Dianne Bellamy-Small, Bettye Jenkins, and Deborah Napper! Endorsed candidate Bill Goebel did not win District 3, but David Coates did, defeating incumbent Michael Logan.

Please continue to hold each other down during this hard time mixed with incredible wins. We are the mighty mighty Union, and the fight continues!

In solidarity,

Joanna

P.S. Join your coworkers for an NCAE all member call tonight to learn more:

<https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/739533/>

Plug in and Build YOUR Union!

GCAE Mass Meeting

Thursday, November 14

Register

<http://bit.ly/GCAEmass11-14-24>

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Smith High School Media Center

GCAE Holiday Celebration

Thursday, December 12

Register

<https://bit.ly/GCAE12-12-24>

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm (drop in)

Oden Brewing Company

Need some union swag? Check out the [GCAE Shirt Shop!](#)

Ways to Plug In with NCAE & NEA:

GCAE is the local affiliate of our state union, NCAE, and our national union, NEA. The following opportunities are available for all GCAE members ready to learn one more thing, take one more step, or dig just a little bit deeper.

- **NCAE All Members Post-Election Call**
 - Wednesday, November 6, 6:00-7:00 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/739533/>
- **Connect with NCAE & NEA**
 - Fill out: <http://join.nea.org/north-carolina/connect>
- **NCAE 2024-25 Learning the Landscape Political Education**
 - 1st Mondays, 6-7:30 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/649345/>
- **Fall 2024 Building Team Virtual Training Series**
 - 2nd Mondays, 6-8 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/648990/>
- **NCAE 2024-25 Local Strength Cohort Meetings**
 - 4th Mondays, 6-7:30 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/649000/>

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