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The National Education Association and Ohio Education Association Endorse Congressman Dave Joyce for Reelection

Joyce becomes only Ohio Republican to be endorsed by U.S.'s largest union of educators

PAINESVILLE- Today, Dave Joyce for Congress announced the endorsements of the National Education Association and the Ohio Education Association, which represent over 121,000 educators in Ohio. According to the NEA's recommended candidate [list](#), Dave Joyce is the only Ohio Republican who earned their endorsement.

In announcing their endorsement, **the Ohio Education Association stated**, "Congressman Dave Joyce has been a strong advocate for public education throughout his time in the U.S. House of Representatives. OEA appreciates his pragmatic approach to problem-solving and his willingness to support our members and students, without regard to party politics. We look forward to continuing our productive working relationship with Congressman Joyce to tackle tough issues facing our public schools."

"As a leader on the Appropriations Committee, I have consistently fought to fully fund our education system and voted to provide much needed emergency funding during COVID-19," **said Congressman Joyce**. "Educators already had a difficult job. Now, we are relying on them to provide stability for our children in uncertain times. I pledge to continue working across the aisle to support Ohio teachers with the resources they need to keep our children safe while providing quality education."

Joyce voted to provide approximately \$31 billion in emergency education funding to students, schools and institutions across the country. In May, Dave [petitioned](#) the U.S. Secretary of Education to address the increased threat of child abuse that students faced while schools were forced to close during COVID-19, which led to increased resources for teachers and students to report instances of abuse.

As co-chair of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Caucus, Joyce [introduced legislation](#) that ensures public servants, including educators, who's jobs have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic still qualify for Public Service Loan Forgiveness.

The National Education Association previously endorsed Dave Joyce in 2018. In addition to the endorsement of the Ohio Education Association, Dave Joyce has been supported by various unions and labor organizations, including the United Association, Pipefitters Local 120, ACT Ohio, the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, and the International Union of Operating Engineers.

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