



PEI

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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS OF IOWA

Political Endorsements and Policies

Who does PEI endorse in the up-coming election?

Recently we received the information that the NEA has made their presidential endorsement. We all know that if the NEA endorses a candidate, it means that the ISEA must go along with it. It took a role-call vote from all of the states. **Click here:** <http://bit.ly/1Lb0M4w> for information on the NEA PAC vote and **click here:** <http://bit.ly/1VSKbFy> for the role call vote.

Based on their actions, we are reaffirming our actions which we have maintained since our formation in 1981. Being non-partisan means we don't pick a candidate or a party to endorse, support, or send money in any way. **THIS DOES NOT MEAN** that we are ambivalent or not involved. **IT MEANS** that we are issue oriented. **IT MEANS** that candidates **can line up behind us** on the education and labor issues for which we stand as an organization and those with which the membership agrees by at least 75% as they occur.

Professional Educators of Iowa believes that you should contribute directly to whom you wish when you wish and that we should not take your money in some dues or other form and then try to sell you on voting a certain way in an election.

Policies

Who does PEI endorse in the up-coming election?

Do other organizations spend money on elections?

What if a candidate wants to meet with our members?

What if a candidate wants to mail something to all of the PEI members?

Who decides which candidates are the best for education?



Click the link to find out what we do! <http://bit.ly/1Lb0QRM>

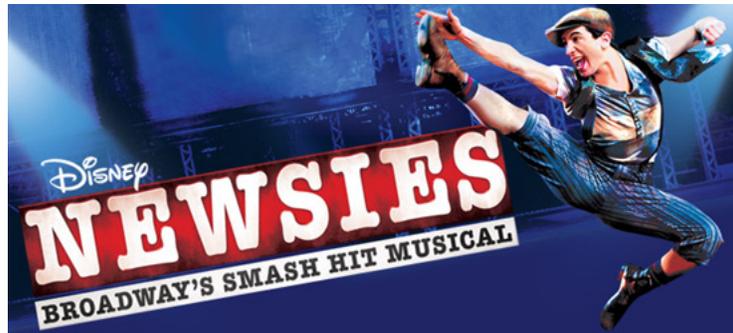
SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS HEARING SCHEDULED!

Have you been at a restaurant and everyone ordered the new trendy dish, including you, and you were really afraid that you weren't going to like it? A lot of people have that feeling as they see the Smarter Balanced Assessment coming toward their classroom. As you know, the goal set forth was to have a new assessment ready to go for the next school year. A task force was assembled to evaluate the various options and recommend a test. They worked, and they worked hard. Last December the task force delivered their report to the legislature. The report concludes that two assessments, Smarter Balanced and the Next Generation Iowa Assessments, both meet the requirements put forth by the General Assembly. The final and important conclusion was that Iowa should adopt the Smarter Balanced Assessment. You can read the report here:

<https://www.educateiowa.gov/sites/files/ed/documents/2014-12-31AssessmentTaskForceReport.pdf> .

What can you do? The Department of Education will be holding a public hearing on this topic, from **1-2 pm on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Iowa Department of Education, 400 E. 14th St. Des Moines, 50319.** Attend if you can. State legislators have indicated their desire to hear from the teacher on this issue-write to them! Nothing influences a legislator more than hearing from their constituents. You can find your legislators' contact information at this link: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators>

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Drake Stadium, Drake University
Jacksonville Dolphins vs. Drake Bulldogs**

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