

This guide highlights pro-public education candidates in the May 19 primary election, including those **endorsed by IEA's Political Action Committee for Education (PACE) and additional education-friendly candidates.**

**PACE-endorsed candidates have completed a months-long, educator-led process** that includes questionnaires, interviews, and a PACE vote to confer a formal endorsement. **Education-friendly candidates have demonstrated support for public education** through their voting records, public statements, or engagement with educators.

Together, this guide is designed to help you make an informed decision and plan your vote. If no candidates are listed for your legislative district, there may be no pro-public education options on your primary ballot, or the race is uncontested and already decided. However, PACE-endorsed candidates are included whether contested or not.

### HOW TO READ THIS GUIDE:

#### ★ PACE-endorsed candidate

*All other candidates are education-friendly*

(I) Incumbent

Voting records are included for incumbents only

- House Bill 516aaS is a union-busting bill that restricts educators' ability to advocate and organize. Passed and signed into law in 2026.
- House Bill 93 created Idaho's first voucher program to divert public funds to private education with little accountability. Passed and signed into law in 2025.
- Senate Bill 1288 established a limited fund to support high-cost special education needs. Passed and signed into law in 2026.

District	Name	Office	Party	HB 516aaS Vote	HB 93 Vote	SB 1288 Vote
1	Jim Woodward (I)	Senate	Republican	no	no	yes
1	Mark Sauter (I)	House A	Republican	no	no	yes
1	★ Chuck Lowman	House B	Republican	-	-	-
2	Todd Perry	House B	Republican	-	-	-
4	Christa Hazel	House B	Republican	-	-	-
6	★ Lori McCann (I)	Senate	Republican	no	no	yes
6	★ Bryce Blankenship	House A	Democratic	-	-	-
6	★ Kathy Dawes	House B	Democratic	-	-	-
7	★ Michael G. Collins	House A	Republican	-	-	-
8	Megan C Blanksma	Senate	Republican	-	-	-
8	Brian Beckley	House B	Republican	-	-	-
11	★ Carlos Hernandez	House A	Republican	-	-	-
11	Debbie Geyer	House B	Republican	-	-	-
13	Kody Daffer	House B	Republican	-	-	-
14	★ Valerie Ruxton	House B	Democratic	-	-	-
15	★ Nancy Gregory	Senate	Democratic	-	-	-

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15	★ Steve Berch (I)	House A	Democratic	no	no	yes
15	★ Jae Etchart	House B	Democratic	-	-	-
16	★ Soñia Galaviz (I)	Senate	Democratic	no	no	yes
16	★ Jeffrey Watkins	House A	Democratic	-	-	-
20	Richard Marsh	Senate	Republican	-	-	-
21	★ James Petzke (I)	House A	Republican	no	no	yes
22	★ Karlie Easley	Senate	Democratic	-	-	-
22	★ Loren Petty	House A	Democratic	-	-	-
22	★ Amanda Easley	House B	Democratic	-	-	-
23	Melissa Durrant	House A	Republican	-	-	-
24	★ Brent D Reinke	Senate	Republican	-	-	-
24	★ Alexandra Caval	House A	Republican	-	-	-
24	★ Chance Requa	House B	Republican	-	-	-
25	★ Casey Swensen	Senate	Republican	-	-	-
25	Grayson Stone	House A	Republican	-	-	-
25	★ Cherie Vollmer	House B	Republican	-	-	-
26	★ Ron Taylor (I)	Senate	Democratic	no	no	yes
26	★ Mike Pohanka (I)	House A	Republican	no	no	yes
26	★ Kevin Marsh	House B	Democratic	-	-	-
28	★ Jim Guthrie (I)	Senate	Republican	no	no	yes
28	★ Richard Cheatum (I)	House A	Republican	yes	no	yes
28	★ Dan Garner (I)	House B	Republican	no	no	yes
29	★ James D. Ruchti (I)	Senate	Democratic	no	no	yes
29	★ Mary Shea	House A	Democratic	-	-	-
29	★ Nate Roberts	House B	Democratic	-	-	-
30	Julie VanOrden (I)	Senate	Republican	no	no	yes
30	Ben Fuhriman (I)	House B	Republican	no	no	yes
31	Rod Furniss (I)	House B	Republican	yes	no	yes
32	Stephanie Mickelsen (I)	House A	Republican	no	no	yes
32	Erin Bingham (I)	House B	Republican	no	-	yes
33	★ Connor Cook	House A	Republican	-	-	-
33	★ Marco Erickson (I)	House B	Republican	no	no	yes
34	Britt Raybould (I)	House B	Republican	no	no	yes
35	Mike Veile (I)	House A	Republican	no	no	yes