



# Know Before You Vote!

## How to find out where your Gubernatorial Candidates Stand on Literacy

### Did you know...

**1 in 3**

**fourth graders**

ONLY



are reading well enough to be on track for college, a career, or a trade.

### Students who don't learn to read are...

- Less likely to graduate on time
- Face lower earnings and worse health outcomes
- Have a higher likelihood of involvement in the Criminal Justice System

*\*Source: 2024 NAEP 4th Grade Data*

### A Governor's Responsibility in Education is...

To propose the state budget every two years, which outlines funding and major policy initiatives, including education. The legislature then writes, debates, and passes laws, and the governor signs or vetoes them.

### Governors have the power to...

- Decide which programs and priorities to include, expand, reduce, or not fund in the proposed budget
- Sign or veto laws passed by the legislature
- Use the line-item veto to approve, reject, or modify parts of the state budget and other spending bills
- Appoint members to the Board of Regents, which oversees universities that train future teachers, influencing how well educators are prepared to teach reading

### Ask your Gubernatorial Candidates...

1. State law requires evidence-based science of reading practices. How will you ensure schools follow the law and recognize progress along the way?
2. What will you do as governor to lead a statewide effort so more kids learn to read well, with a clear goal of at least 95% reading proficiently?
3. How will you ensure teachers are trained in the science of reading, both new teachers and those already in the classroom?
4. How will you measure reading results for school districts and individual schools to ensure students are making progress?
5. Will you put funding for improving reading in your state budget, and how will you make sure that money leads to real results for kids?

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