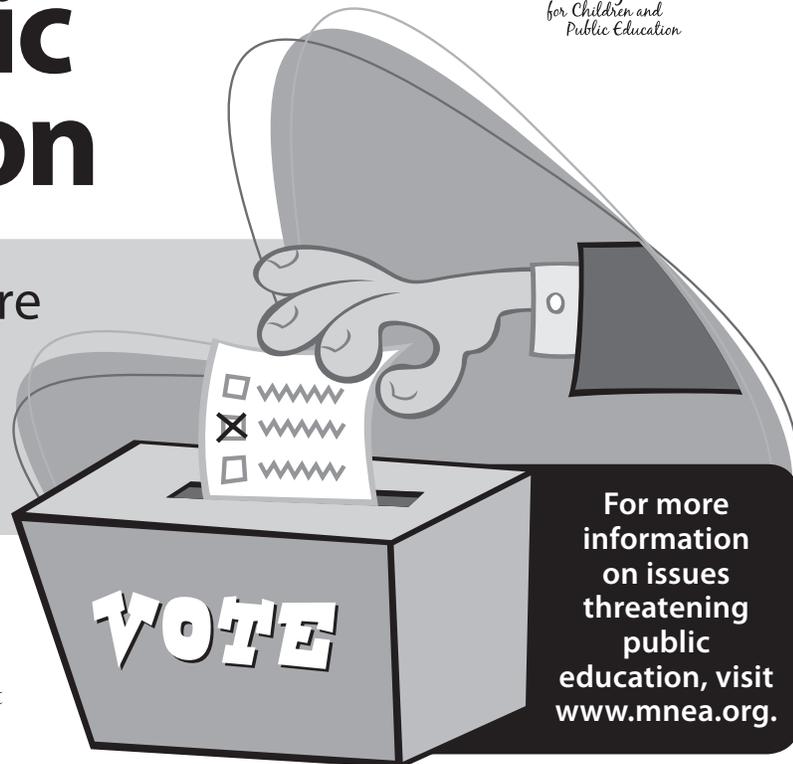


Help MNEA turn back attacks on public education



Missouri NEA leaders prepare for battle with **Ballot Issue Crisis Fund**. See back for contribution form.



For more information on issues threatening public education, visit www.mnea.org.

Extremist forces inside and outside Missouri are poised to use a series of ballot issues to wreck public education in Missouri.

- Rex Sinquefield, a multi-millionaire and Missouri's largest individual initiative petition funder, works through front groups to move forward his agenda to privatize public education and gut the state budget. He recently filed more than a dozen initiative petitions to eliminate the state income tax and replace it with a mega sales tax, which would devastate Missouri's public schools.
- Big business and anti-labor groups continue to push for union suppression reforms nationally and in Missouri. Any "Right to Work" (for less) law or reform that would strip Missouri workers' collective bargaining rights would likely go onto the ballot either by legislative referenda or by initiative petition.
- Support for anti-public-education forces comes from wealthy individuals like Rex Sinquefield and out-of-state extremist groups that want to use Missouri schools as the proving ground for their extreme ideas (vouchers, tuition tax credits and Taxpayer Bill of Rights).

Fighting these extreme proposals and their ideological proponents will be expensive.

- Rex Sinquefield and his front groups spent more than \$12 million in 2010 to repeal the earnings tax in Kansas City and St. Louis. Sinquefield will likely donate more than \$20 million to push the mega sales tax initiative petition in 2012.
- Radical front groups like Americans for Prosperity, Stand for Children, All Children Matter and other wealthy, extreme networks have already poured millions of dollars into Missouri to move their anti-public education agenda.
- It is no coincidence that we are seeing increased attacks on public education and organized labor. There are no

campaign finance spending limits in Missouri; therefore, corporate front groups like Missourians for Prosperity can spend unlimited amounts of money to put their political agenda on the ballot.

- The successful fight against multiple right-wing, anti-education ballot measures in Oregon in 2008 cost that state affiliate \$3.3million and NEA \$4.5 million.

MNEA members and leaders are stepping up to fight these anti-public-school proposals.

- The ballot issue crisis fund assessment is currently \$1 per month per active member (\$12 per year).
- MNEA members are taking the lead in fighting back against these proposals and are challenging all the other education groups in the state to follow that lead and step up to do their share.
- We cannot fight anti-public education forces alone. The ballot issue crisis fund allows MNEA to work in collaboration with other organizations that prioritize investing in public education and our members' collective bargaining rights.

Here's how you can help.

By contributing to the MNEA Ballot Issue Crisis Fund, you will help build the resources necessary to fight upcoming ballot issue attacks on Missouri's schools. **Just complete the short form on back of this flier.**

Ballot Issue Crisis Fund contribution form

Yes, I volunteer to contribute \$ _____ to the Missouri NEA Ballot Issue Crisis Fund.

My contribution is enclosed.

I understand that the fund is maintained in its own interest-bearing account, separate from dues revenue and that the fund shall be used to fight ballot issues that undermine public education.

Individual Contribution

Individual's Name _____

Social Security # XXX - XX - _____ Local _____
Last four digits only

Signature _____ Date _____

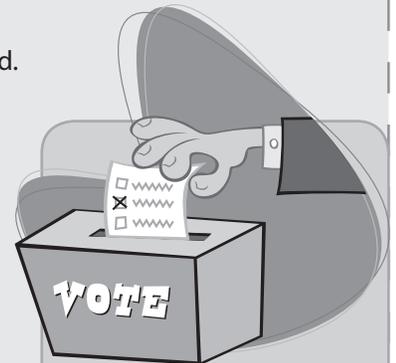
Local Association Contribution

Local Association Name _____

Local President Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

None of the money will be used for candidates, political parties or MNEA's day-to-day legislative efforts.



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