

LAPP Bulletin

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Subject: **PA Governor Candidates Education Platforms**

Context:

Education is a Public Policy Priority of the Pennsylvania branch of AAUW with the objective of supporting a quality system of public education. Education funding, quality, delivery and curriculum are specific topics of debate in our state. Understanding the positions of state candidates may help inform our communities.

Summary (sources are the candidates' websites):

Shapiro

1. Increase state funding of public education
2. Utilize the 2016 state formula to make **new** funding more equitable across districts.
3. Appoint two parents to the state Board of Education.

Mastriano

1. Reduce per student state funding of public education from \$19,000 to about \$9,000.
2. Use the "delta" to fund "Education Opportunity Accounts" that parents can use to pay for private, charter, or home schools.
3. Expand existing programs that give tax breaks to companies that fund scholarships to private schools.
4. Eliminate property taxes, a key source of public school funding.
5. Immediate ban on Critical Race Theory and Gender Theory studies.
6. Review of district Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plans
7. Implement a Universal Parents Rights statute

What You Can Do:

1. Continue to follow the PA Governor race on education and other issues
2. Make sure your Pennsylvania family, friends, and neighbors VOTE!

For More Information on This Issue:

1. <https://joshshapiro.org>
2. <http://www.doug4gov.com/>
3. <https://edvoterspa.org/>