



## DSEA Press Release

**RE:** DSEA Endorses Rep. John Carney for Governor

**Dover, Del. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**--- John Carney will be a governor committed to providing educators, schools, and families with the resources and supports needed to make sure every child succeeds, according to the members of the Delaware State Education Association.

“Whether it’s his deep commitment to listening to educators and administrators about what types of support they need, or his dedication to early learning, John Carney will be a Governor who will help move our state forward,” said Frederika Jenner, a middle-school science teacher who serves as DSEA President. “DSEA is proud to stand with John as he begins the task of making our state’s education system even better.”

The recommendation to endorse Rep. Carney was made by an interview committee comprised of Democrat, Republican, and Independent DSEA members from all three counties.

The committee interviewed both Carney and Colin Bonini, the Republican nominee, and came away deeply impressed by Rep. Carney’s commitment to the issues which DSEA members have long-believed are critical to making a difference in the lives of children.

While some students will pursue a college degree, others will find lasting success in career fields such as advanced manufacturing and traditional trades, including welding and plumbing and pipe-fitting. Rep. Carney’s recognition of these important distinctions was specifically highlighted by the committee in its recommendation to the DSEA Executive Board, which voted in favor of endorsing Carney.

The committee also praised Rep. Carney’s recognition that educators and administrators are best positioned to judge what our schools and classrooms need to help students succeed. However, Rep. Carney understands that “recognition” is not enough and is committed to making sure his administration focuses more on providing resources and support than issuing regulations and mandates.

“A core mission of my administration will be to fully and faithfully support educators with the resources that can make a real difference in the lives of Delaware’s children,” said Carney. “That is why I will work to improve access to and strengthen our early childhood education opportunities in Delaware, as well as make sure every student graduating from our high schools is properly prepared for success, whether they are entering college or our state’s workforce. As Governor, I will work with our teachers and education support professionals to make sure that a ‘bright future’ is a reality for every one of the children in our schools.”

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