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## ON ISSUES THAT MATTER TO VEA MEMBERS



<b>CREIGH DEEDS</b> VOTED WITH VEA 93% OF THE TIME	<b>ISSUES</b>	<b>BOB McDONNELL</b> VOTED WITH VEA 52% OF THE TIME
<p>Creigh Deeds stood with Mark Warner to pass the single largest school funding increase in Virginia history and is committed to increasing school funding as governor.</p>	<b>FUNDING</b>	<p>McDonnell supports a plan to cut \$5.4 billion from education and other priorities. He opposed Mark Warner's \$1.5 billion education funding increase and supported cuts to education under George Allen.</p>
<p>Creigh Deeds introduced legislation to raise teacher pay to the national average and is committed to doing so as governor.</p>	<b>TEACHER PAY</b>	<p>McDonnell voted five times against raising teachers' salaries and opposed raising teacher pay to the national average.</p>
<p>Creigh Deeds has never voted in favor of vouchers.</p>	<b>VOUCHERS</b>	<p>McDonnell introduced a bill to study vouchers and has expressed support for the voucher program in Washington, D.C.</p>
<p>Creigh Deeds proposes scholarships for students who choose teaching as their profession and has a plan to provide loan forgiveness to teachers who serve in hard-to-staff schools.</p>	<b>ALTERNATIVE TEACHER COMPENSATION</b>	<p>McDonnell favors "merit pay" for educators that would judge teachers by their students' test scores and says performance-based pay would be one of his top priorities.</p>
<p>Creigh Deeds will implement strong accountability measures to reduce wasteful and unnecessary government spending. He supports "school efficiency audits" that now save \$25 million a year in the 33 Virginia school divisions that use them.</p>	<b>FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SCHOOL DIVISIONS</b>	<p>McDonnell supports an arbitrary 65% proposal that applies a rigid formula to determine reductions in school resources even though it would jeopardize funding for education support positions.</p>
<p>Creigh Deeds supports educational innovation, including charter schools, but would allow local school boards to retain the authority to grant charters.</p>	<b>CHARTER SCHOOLS</b>	<p>McDonnell proposes a "dramatic expansion" of charter schools and will allow the state board of education to approve them regardless of the opinion of local school boards.</p>

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