



Solidarity Report

A Special Election Newsletter for Members of VUE

“The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have in a democracy.”
~ John Lewis

Hurricane Milton Resources

During a crisis, you and your family can count on VUE, FEA, AFT, NEA, and the AFL - CIO to have your back. As you recover from two devastating hurricanes, we are working harder than ever to make sure that you have the information and resources you need to take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

We are sharing the Hurricane Resources that have been provided by FEA below, and will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available. PLEASE do not hesitate to reach out to the office if you need support. We are here to help. (386) 238-1605.

Disaster Relief Information

For those affected by a hurricane and seeking relief assistance, the first thing you must do is register with www.disasterassistance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362 or TTY 800-462-7585.

If you use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 800-621-3362. Operators are multilingual and calls are answered seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET.

Critical FEMA and Florida-specific resources FEMA Website and Helpline 800-621-3362

FEMA coordinates response to disasters occurring within the United States. Those who have suffered significant damage to their homes can apply for government assistance on their home page: [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](https://www.fema.gov). Contact the FEMA Helpline if you have questions about:

- The help offered by FEMA.
- How to apply for assistance.
- Information in your account.

Call 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET, 7 days a week:

- 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362)
- TTY 1-800-462-7585
- 711 or VRS 1-800-621-3362
- You can also send an email from the [Disaster Assistance webform](https://www.fema.gov/assistance/individual)

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For additional information, please visit the FEA Hurricane Resources page at <https://feaweb.org/member-center/hurricane-resources/>

Hurricane Milton Survey

As you know, hours are a mandatory subject of bargaining and therefore, any plan to make up the time schools and district offices were closed, must be negotiated.

We will begin conversations with district leadership about how to create a plan to recover the instructional hours lost as soon as possible.

It is our hope that the Governor will waive some of the hours, but until an order is granted, we need to calculate the time based upon the three day closure.

VUE is not one person or group. VUE is every member of our union and because the decision to make up the time will effect everyone, we need your input.

Please take a few minutes to answer the questions in this survey so that we will have your input when we have conversations with the district. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N5NRMPM>



Reminder: Grading Period Change

As a reminder, the end of the grading period has been moved to Thursday, October 17, 2024. Grades will be due at the end of the day. The second quarter will begin on Friday, October 18, 2024.

We are encouraging everyone to close out grades on Monday, October 14, 2024 as originally planned if possible. Please remember that you as an educational professional make the decision on the grade to assign a student. You cannot be forced to change/assign a grade. However, administration is able to change a grade after following a contractually agreed upon process as stated in Article 20 of the CBA. If you have questions about this process, please contact the office at (386) 238-1605.





We vote not because we're liberal or conservative, but because we're American citizens, and that is our responsibility.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Endorsed Candidates

The following candidates have been endorsed by the V/F CLC and VUE:

VCS School Board

District 2 - Cassandra "Cassie" Gonyer (member of the Brevard Federation of Teachers)
 District 4 - Carl Persis (Incumbent)

Florida House of Representatives

HD 28 - John Navarra (VUE member)
 HD 29 - Rosemarie Latham

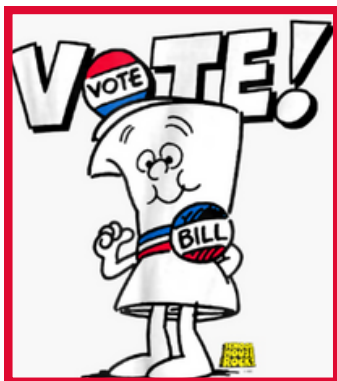
The Volusia United Educators makes decisions to endorse candidates utilizing the process and local input of the affiliated unions within the Volusia/Flagler Central Labor Council.

Candidate endorsements are based upon a commitment to our public schools, our students, and the people who get the work done. Supporting working families and the values and belief systems of our union is what matters the most.

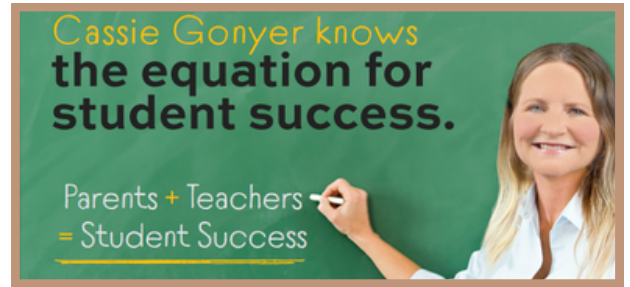
How you vote is a personal decision. As an educational professional, exercising your right and responsibility to vote is an obligation to your students, your colleagues, and your community. When you vote, we all win!

For a complete list of FEA endorsed candidates, please visit, <https://feaweb.org/member-center/voter-toolkit/>

If you have any questions, please call the office at (386) 238-1605



Meet Cassie Gonyer!

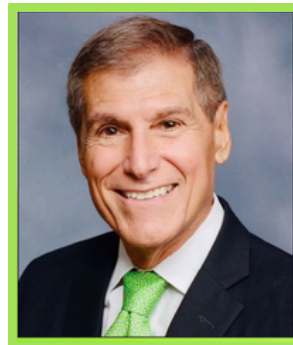


Cassie Gonyer is a science teacher whose children attend Volusia County Schools. Cassie knows that getting Volusia County students to succeed starts with making sure parents and teachers are working together!

Visit Cassie's website at, <https://www.gonyer4schoolboard.com/>, to learn more about her platform.



A Message from Carl Persis!



As a principal, I loved coming to work and being with students, teachers and support staff. That experience taught me to value and appreciate all employees. I also learned the educators, who can make a positive difference, are the ones closest to the students.

Visit the FB page for Mr. Persis at, <https://www.facebook.com/VoteCarlPersis/>.

Educating Our Children, My Passion for 43 Years



VUE Member: John Navarra!

John Navarra is a veteran VUE member and a member of the Volusia /Flagler Central Labor Council. He is running for the Florida House District 28.

Please visit John's website at, <http://navarraforfl.com/>

