

Florida Gubernatorial Candidates Side-by-Side

ANDREW GILLUM



Supports raising the pay of teachers and education staff professionals to at least the national average, compensating veteran teachers for their years of service and raising teachers' starting salaries.

Believes our education system and its over-reliance on high-stakes testing has failed our children, our parents, our teachers and our state.

Supports returning the public school construction funds known as PECO to public schools, rather than spending those funds on charter schools.

Supports programs to ensure 100% of kids are reading at grade level by 3rd grade.

Strongly opposed to unaccountable, for-profit charter schools that want to use public dollars to enrich their executives.

Supports programs to ensure children graduating from high school have access to training for a career or a college education that won't leave them with crippling debt.

Supports a revitalization of vocational training in public schools that integrates computer education.

Product of Florida public school system – he was the first in his family to graduate college. His mother was a school bus driver.

Supports the expansion of Floridians' access to quality, affordable healthcare, especially for people with pre-existing conditions.

Stated the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act fell short. Supports common-sense gun safety policies including requiring universal background checks for all gun sales, restricting gun access for the mentally ill, and prohibiting gun possession for those with domestic violence and stalking convictions.



The Florida Education Association has recommended Gillum.



RON DeSANTIS



Supports bonuses for teachers, rather than an increase in teacher salaries.

Supports teacher merit pay, tying teacher evaluations to testing and classroom performance.

Supports increasing current voucher programs that send taxpayer funding to private schools and an expansion of voucher programs in general. Also supports an increase in charter schools in Florida.

Promotes the same policies as previous administrations that have failed our students, our schools, and our educators and education staff professionals.

Believes federal dollars that support low-income schools should follow students, even if they attend private or religious schools. This includes Title I and Head Start funding. Proposed both programs be administered like a voucher program.

Would require teaching "America's founding principles" in the classroom – promoting a conservative agenda to students.

Supports an increase in performance funding for Florida's colleges and universities – furthering an unequal system of winners and losers in the state's higher education system.

Supports the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

Stated he would not have signed the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act due to gun safety measures found in the bill. Opposes any "blanket" restrictions on guns.

