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NCOEA Guest Editorial

Insanity: Doing the same thing over and over again expecting different results.

--- Albert Einstein

This observation of Einstein's often comes to mind as I've looked at election results in Ohio in recent years. Education funding has been declared illegal by the Ohio Supreme Court several times in recent years, and the legislature has done nothing to change the way we fund Ohio's schools. Most people agree with the Ohio Supreme Court, that the funding of our schools relies too much on local property taxes; yet, we continue to vote the people who ignore the Court's ruling back into office. These people didn't care what the court said about school funding several years ago, and they aren't going to change. Evidently many people think that their representative or senator is not the problem; it's all those other legislators. Before you decide who is going to get your vote this fall, think about what your current representative has done to change education funding in Ohio. If the answer is "nothing," find out what his or her opponent plans to do. If the answer is "nothing," then you'll have to make your choice based on other issues. But if one of the candidates has a new school funding plan, don't you think they deserve your vote? Ask the same questions of the two candidates in the governor's race. We can make a difference with our votes for the legislature and governor, but only if we use education to help us decide who to support.

Becky Nolt, Editor OEA-R Newsline (Reprinted with permission)

Get Out and Vote, November 7, 2006

No matter what your political beliefs or party may be, it is important that as an educator you exercise your right to vote. Please consider voting for the individuals that are endorsed by OEA and NCOEA. They are endorsed based on their records and support of public education issues. To quote Gary Allen, OEA President, "These candidates have demonstrated support of public education to better the future for Ohio's children. Ohio citizens will be well served by these recommended candidates. . ."

Ohio Governor:

Ted Strickland

Ohio U.S. Senator:

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