

Who can best make a **difference** to improve NC's educational systems? I, Constance Lav Johnson, vow to make a difference that improves academic standing for all students; greater appreciation and pay for our school teachers, counselors, principals, and staff; and our conditions and relations will improve greatly under my leadership.

This week I am preparing to teach at the CCES, which provides teachers with new and innovative ways to teach and broaden skills for educating North Carolina's students. It's produced and managed by the NC State Board of Education, Public Instruction Department. Teachers in our state have not been properly prepared for the math testing, and not given ample time for preparation for most testing. I will organize on site training to allow teachers access to the proper sources to achieve passing scores. This conference is a perfect solution to providing such sources of information that is much needed. I am teaching a Grant Writing and Fundraising session to provide options for funds for classroom management and projects. The conference can provide me a good opportunity to provide sessions on math test preparation tips, test study tips, and motivation.

The candidate for Superintendent should have some experiences in managing employees, human relations, program development, bill and law process, conducting meetings based on parliamentary procedure, manage conferences and events, travels extensively from county to county to present updated news to teachers and school staff, and has to know the political process, working directly with the Governor, Council of State, State officials, National Organizations related to education, race, gender, economic equality, and children, and attend local, state, and national conferences focused on education. I have sound strong experiences in every one of these areas for this job.

I have good relations with the elected officials, and we respect each other because we all seek improvements in areas focused on children, youth, women, the poor, and unemployed. I seek justice for children, and expect citizens elected to office to abide by the constitution, laws, and policies. I have run a few political races, but never one more important than this one, NC Superintendent of Public Instruction, that gives a powerful voice to the progression and professionalism of those educating our new wage earners, new producers of innovations, and new leaders.

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I recently submitted bill text to protect our children and youth. The text is attached. These students and teachers are my passion. I believe, if students were given a full, protected, nutritious, and supported start every day and throughout the day, North Carolina would prove that it has the greater source for workers for corporations interested in settling in North Carolina.

Public Schools are being challenged to compete with Charter Schools, but I don't see the need to inspire the competitions. Charter Schools versus public schools shouldn't be considered because Charter schools ARE public schools, receiving far greater funds from the state and federal government, but still closing and failing by grade. Let's put them under the umbrella of Public Schools to ensure they can survive financially and academically. Giving parents and students the choices of Charter vs. Public Schools has not been successful academically for NC. The competition is too distracting. Let's talk about the students, working together, building top rate courses that propel them to higher education and pay.

Children are still underfed in our farm rich state. Children still lack medical and psychological care, in a state with the greatest education, medical, and psychological collegiate programs. Children still need added academic training sources outside of school that walk hand in hand with teachers to grow academic excellence in a state that persistently receive national teacher recognition. We have everything we need to soar. We need leadership that can empathize with the students, walk side by side everyday with the teachers, and teach both to grow relations and communications with each other. Our children of different cultures are not achieving at the same rate. We have a communications gap that didn't start this generation, but left unresolved from hundreds of years ago. Let's be the generation to close the digital divide, end the ideology that race doesn't matters, and reach out to the people within the races for greater engagement. Raise the Grade North Carolina Schools! If anybody can, I can because I've walked in their shoes and their schools. I am ready!

I am your most passionate candidate for NC State Superintendent of Public Instruction, because I am a fifth plus generation North Carolinian, that cares deeply about the success of my state. I will make a difference because I know what needs to be different. I don't believe in moving too fast, but moving wisely, looking at the past to the present. I believe in following the philosophies of our greatest proven leaders, from Hunt to Gantt to Watt to Adams to Lyles to Me?... Who's next? The next great proven leader is in the 8th grade in NC. He's not what we expect or are seeking, but we must make certain that our student in the haystack shines so brightly we can find him to prepare him for what he needs. Let's find him, keep him protected, and pave his way. I have a plan that ensures his success. Let me lead the way to him. I'm as innocent as a dove, but as fiery as lion for the sake of our students and teachers.

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