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What's the Strategy? Can We Win This War?

I received hundreds of emails from ECAE members and others who are wondering what we do next? Can we keep up the energy? How can I personally help? Can we win this?



I love getting those questions because that let's me know you are still in this fight. It let's me know you still care and you still want to do something to help make sure that the middle class does not lose out to the billionaires.

So, what's the strategy?? Together, you and I can make a difference, and we must make a difference to save our Wisconsin! I need **ALL ECAE** members to help out in a way they feel comfortable and in a way they know they can make a difference, but I need every one of you (850+) to give a little bit in the coming months.

Here's how you can give:

- ◆ I need you to help with the **recalls**. We are sending people over to Hudson, River Falls, La Crosse, and any where else that needs our help in getting signatures for the 8 Republican Senators who are eligible for recall.
- ◆ **VOTE!** On April 5th we have an incredibly important election, an election that normally does not produce large numbers of voters. We have to change that and get all of you—ALL OF YOU to the polls. We are supporting JoAnne Kloppenburg for State Supreme Court.
- ◆ Continue to write letters to the editor, Voice of the People, elected officials in Madison—tell your story. This budget and the budget repair bill are NOT good for Wisconsin families.

Our vice president of ECAE, Chris Hambuch-Boyle said it best at a Building Representative meeting a while back: "I'm doing things now that I never thought I'd do. This is way out of my comfort zone. But if I don't do it, who will?" So, if you don't do it? Who will? We must fight for our rights as taxpayers, citizens, and as educators! Sitting by is not an option.

In the past four to five weeks I have been so inspired by the commitment and dedication shown by ECAE members—you have traveled to Madison, participated in local rallies, attended city council meetings and school board meetings, written to your legislators, donated money and time! Keep it up - I am so proud to be an ECAE member and to represent all of you!

In Solidarity,

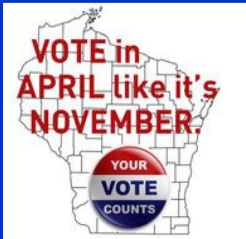
Ronald G. Martin

Ron "Duff" Martin



Important Dates:

- March 24**
Congress Kind - 4:00 (BOE)
- March 26**
Training—10-3 (WCEA-Menomonie)
- April 4**
Call to Action - 6:30 PM (DeLong MS Auditorium)
- April 5**
VOTE
- April 6**
ECAE Executive Board 4:30 (ECAE)



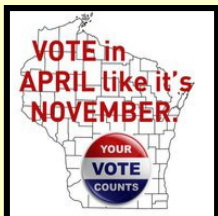
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**Walker
Continues to
Hurt
Wisconsin**

"Last night will be remembered as a black mark on the history of Wisconsin government. The actions by 18 Republican state senators leave no doubt that Governor Walker's attack on Wisconsin workers has nothing to do with the budget and everything to do with advancing a national corporate agenda. Sadly, these actions further drive divisions within our state and threaten the future economic recovery of Wisconsin. Proponents of this plan should remember: Wisconsin's citizens will hold their elected officials accountable."

Former Senator
Russ Feingold



**All across the United States and the World
they are supporting us! The fight is in Wisconsin but the fight belongs to all
the middle class of the United States.**



"Hello Wisconsin:
I have been glued to the news media reports about everything and anything about Wisconsin. You are all my heroes. Scott Walker and his union busting supporters have not won; the battle is just starting. You all fought the great fight. You deserve some down time and I look forward to what will happen in the national and Wisconsin elections in 2012.

Again, the work of all of you and your Wisconsin union members are an inspiration to the rest of us. Thank you for the moments of glory!"

Jan Studer, Teacher in Idaho

"Don't let Governor Walker fool you. This is not about public employee pay and benefits in Wisconsin. The public employees there have already said they are willing to take significant cuts in their benefits to help balance the budget. Walker won't take 'yes' for an answer because he has another agenda. His agenda is to smash the unions and permanently shift the balance of power away from workers and onto management and the corner office—his office." Remarks by Massachusetts Teachers' Association President Paul Toner

RECALL EFFORTS—What You Can Do?

Get petitions signed fast and often (means going out as many times as you can—no duplicate signatures, please)—use the websites below to locate a recall petition staging location. Recruit help and go to one of these sites and help the recall effort.

Hardsdorf Recall Efforts:
<http://www.recallhardsdorf.com/>

Kapanke Recall Efforts:
<http://recalltherepublican8.com>

Others: <http://recalltherepublican8.com>





“People were telling me the pace of the bill going through the legislature was unacceptable. They wanted me to slow things down and this was the only choice I had to slow things down.” Senator Kathleen Vinehout, 31st District



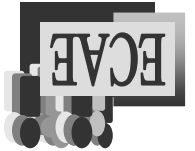
“We hope the governor will respect the workers of Wisconsin and maintain the long standing tradition of sitting down and negotiating issue. Sit down and treat people like human beings, like the human beings that provided such valuable public services and that’s our goal.” Senator Mark Miller, 16th District



“I’m really uncomfortable with the status of hero. Men and women who’ve served in Iraq and Afghanistan, fire-fighters, police, people who put their lives on the line are heroes. Teachers and public servants contributing to the commonwealth of Wisconsin are heroes.” Senator Bob Jauch, 25th District

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VOTE APRIL 5

Endorsed Candidate JoAnne Kloppenburg



SUPREMELY RELEVANT

David Prosser vs JoAnne Kloppenburg

Gov. Walker's bold moves await their day
in court. The April 5 election could determine
what kind of day that will be.



This is an 11.29 communications with ECAE/WEAC members only.