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TO: OEA Local Leaders  
FROM: Dominic Mendiola, OEA UniServ Political Advocacy Consultant  
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RE: Local School Board Election Support  
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Well-funded out of state extremists are trying to insert themselves in our classrooms and school boards by pushing a radical agenda that ignores the voices of educators and the families of our students. These attacks will not stop unless we call out their behavior and hold them accountable through member-powered actions.

In 2023, across our state, members of our local school boards will be on the ballot. The most localized way of supporting students and staff’s wellbeing is by ensuring that school districts are funded and that pro-public education school board members are at the helm. OEA, working through its local associations, must support our pro-public education local school board members and hold accountable those who seek to undermine or exploit our members and the education of our children. OEA’s Uniserv Political Advocacy Consultants (UPACs) partner directly with local education associations and their Labor Relations Consultants to achieve these outcomes, ranging from candidate recruitment and training to direct voter contact efforts to ensure the right candidates win on Election Day.

By participating in these campaigns, we can engage our members and educate our communities around these pressing issues locally, while building the voices of parents, students, and OEA Educators to engage their legislators in the Statehouse and back in their districts. This makes our voices stronger at the bargaining table, at the ballot box and in the Statehouse.

Please contact UPACs Dominic Mendiola at [mendiolad@ohea.org](mailto:mendiolad@ohea.org), or Zach Roberts at [robertsz@ohea.org](mailto:robertsz@ohea.org) if you would like to take advantage of this resource.

The OEA will lead the way for continuous improvement of public education while advocating for members and the learners they serve.

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