
Support candidate who fights for all students

The candidates do talk the talk on education as mentioned in a recent front-page article on their positions. There is a component of the conversation that is missing, however, and that is education for children with special needs.

Early intervention services play a critical role in preparing a child with a developmental delay to enter school. Those services are provided by trained professionals in natural environments, and they prepare kids for when they enter school.

I call the candidates' and public's attention to our One Illinois campaign where we urge all candidates for governor to remember that you can't talk about education

without talking about community services and the providers who support individuals and families. In Illinois, 2.2 million people are touched by or care about community services for people with disabilities, mental illnesses and substance abuse issues.

Before they cast their votes for governor, I urge them to learn about One Illinois and support the candidate that will support children with disabilities and their right to early intervention and a good education.

After all, our next governor would best serve Illinois by fighting for all students.

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