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To All Affiliates:

## New Jersey State AFL-CIO 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Labor Candidates School

For over two decades, the New Jersey State AFL-CIO has recruited, trained, mentored, and campaigned on behalf of rank-and-file union members running for political office. Having achieved 1,024 election victories to date -with a 76% win ratio - our Labor Candidates Program has revolutionized the role labor plays in New Jersey state and local government.

At the forefront of our program is the Labor Candidates School. Through this school, we afford union members the opportunity to gain the skills they need to succeed in the political arena. The school features instruction from a number of seasoned election experts who cover subjects such as fundraising, election law, campaign research and planning, message development, public speaking, media relations, voter contact, volunteer recruitment, targeting, digital strategy, and get-out-the-vote. The date and location of the 2019 Labor Candidates School are as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, August 17 & Sunday, August 18, 2019

**Place:** Rutgers University Continuing Studies Conference Center  
178 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick

Pursuant to the New Jersey State AFL-CIO Labor Candidates Resolution, union members seeking election to public office must secure the support of their local union's presiding officer who shall then notify the Central Labor Council and the New Jersey State AFL-CIO. All non-incumbent labor candidates are required to graduate from the Labor Candidates School and be reviewed by the Central Labor Council before resources can be earmarked for their election campaign. Each union member seeking election or re-election to public office must complete the enclosed "Labor Candidates Survey" and return it by fax to (609) 989-8734 or by email to [cope@njafclcio.org](mailto:cope@njafclcio.org).

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming this year's class of Labor Candidates and guiding them toward election success.

In Solidarity,

Charles Wowkanech  
President

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## **New Jersey State AFL-CIO 2019 Labor Candidate Survey**

International Union/Local # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of prospective labor candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Public office candidate will be seeking \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Election \_\_\_\_\_

Town(s) represented \_\_\_\_\_

Term of elected office (number of years) \_\_\_\_\_

Party Affiliation:  Democrat       Republican       Non-Partisan

Phone #      Day \_\_\_\_\_      Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_      Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Office(s) previously held by candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Local Union President/Business Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to COPE Director John Shea III  
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