Scott Perry has a long, verifiable record favoring devolving education to the states and shrinking the federal Department of Education while Janelle Stelson is campaigning on preserving/ strengthening public school funding and expanding vocational training.

Scott Perry has not posted anything about Education on his website about K-12 education since May 29, 2024, nor has he sponsored any bills on Education from 2024-2026.

Scott Perry — positions & record

- Favors shrinking/eliminating the federal role in education: his official platform states federal education policy needs "dramatic reform," criticizing "one-size-fits-all accountability metrics" and pushing to return responsibility to states, districts, and parents. Congressman Scott Perry
- Has publicly called for **abolishing the U.S. Department of Education**, at one point suggesting it be tied to disaster-relief negotiations as leverage to pressure Democrats into voting for DOE abolition alongside California wildfire relief funding. Keystone Newsroom
- **H.R. 899 – "To terminate the Department of Education"**: Perry is an original cosponsor, alongside Thomas Massie (sponsor), Lauren Boebert, Marjorie Taylor Greene, and other Freedom Caucus members. Still sitting in the Education and Workforce Committee — no floor vote yet. GovTrack.us

Janelle Stelson — positions

- Campaign platform emphasizes **strong public schools, fair funding, support for educators**, and workforce/vocational training that prepares students for good-paying jobs without heavy debt. Democratsworkforamerica
- Has been endorsed by PSEA (Pennsylvania State Education Association) and PSEA-PACE (Pennsylvania State Education Association – Political Action Committee for Education) since January
- Frames it personally: she says she's from a family of educators, calls schools "the bedrock of our communities," and wants to **expand vocational and technical training** for trades like mechanics, plumbers, electricians. Janellestelson