

NH Students Deserve a Commissioner of Education Who Is **QUALIFIED** and **SUPPORTS** Public Education

AFT-NH 'Lesson Plan' on Frank Edelblut

Objectives

- Determine if the nominee for Education Commissioner is qualified to serve the 180,000+ public school students in NH;
- Advise fellow citizens how to have their voices heard on the Edelblut nomination

Background

- Governor Sununu has nominated Frank Edelblut to be the next NH Commissioner of Education.
- Mr. Edelblut served as a state representative for one term and then ran for Governor.
- Frank Edelblut ran in the republican primary against Gov. Sununu and lost by 800 votes.
- Mr. Edelblut has no background in education.
- Mr. Edelblut has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Theological Studies. He attended K-12 public school.
- He home-schooled his 7 children.
- His work experience includes Price Waterhouse Coopers, Niagara Corporation and his own business, Control Solutions International.
- He supports school choice in all forms such as private, charter, religious, public schools, and home-school. As a legislator, he supported school choice legislation.
- He has never served on a local school board. He did serve on the Water Commission in the Town of Wilton.

What is the job of the Education Commissioner?

- **Department of Education Responsibilities**
21-N:2 Establishment; General Functions. –
 - I. There is hereby established the department of education, an agency of the state under the executive direction of a commissioner of education.
 - II. The department of education, through its officials, shall be responsible for the following general functions:
 - (a) Providing general supervision for elementary and secondary schools, teachers and administrators.
 - (b) Providing a variety of educational services to schools and particular groups.
 - (c) Providing vocational rehabilitation and social security disability determination services for persons with disabilities.
- RSA 21-N:3, I states in relevant part, “...The commissioner and deputy commissioner shall be qualified to hold their positions by reason of education and experience.”
- The specific duties of the *Commissioner of Education* are outlined in law at RSA 21-N:4 Duties of Commissioner. The Commissioner needs to be qualified in order to efficiently and effectively run the NH Department of Education and support our schools across the state.

Who approves the nomination of Frank Edelblut as Commissioner of Education?

The five elected members of the NH Executive Council. The vote could occur as soon as February 1st.

**AFT-NH OPPOSES THE NOMINATION OF FRANK EDELBLUT.
NH STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS DESERVE BETTER.**

You can express your opinion about this nomination by sending an email to all five Executive Councilors at gcweb@nh.gov.

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