



State of Michigan

# Board of Education

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During election time people go to the polls and are asked to vote for The State Board of Education. Most times nobody really knows who they are or what their positions are on issues. The State Board of Education significantly impacts PreK-12 Education Policy. These are important positions and we, at AFT Michigan, make the following recommendations:



**John Austin**

## Vote for Pro-Education



**Ismael Ahmed**

John Austin was first elected to the State Board of Education in 2000 and was reelected in 2008. Austin currently serves as President of the State Board of Education, where he is a champion for strengthening our public schools, ensuring a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students, and supporting educators. Austin has worked tirelessly to build economic and educational opportunity for the people of Michigan. Austin holds a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and a Bachelor of Arts from Swarthmore College in Economics and Political Science. Austin is a member of the Lecturer Employees' Organization at the University of Michigan.

Ismael Ahmed is running to serve on the State Board of Education for the first time in 2016, after spending a lifetime serving students, working families, and the community. Ahmed earned his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan in secondary education with a minor in sociology. Ahmed cofounded the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS). He was appointed by former Governor Jennifer Granholm to serve as the Director of the Michigan Department of Human Services. Ahmed lives in Dearborn with his wife Margaret, who is a member of the Dearborn Federation of Teachers

