

Walker campaign: ICYMI: Scott Walker is the education governor

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[Madison, Wis.] – Gov. Walker is the education governor – and others are taking notice. With the governor’s bold reforms sparking Wisconsin’s comeback, we are in a position to invest in these shared priorities. Scott Walker’s support for our students and their families is strengthening our state’s already world-class workforce and will help Wisconsin win the 21st century.

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Scott Walker leans into ‘education governor’ message as opponents scoff

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The Cap Times

... Whatever it takes, Walker is going all-in on his “education governor” push.

Over the last month, his campaign has released two television ads featuring teachers praising his education record as he seeks a third term.

“I’m being aggressive on this,” Walker said in an interview last month. “We’re proclaiming proudly that I’m the pro-education governor and that I want to continue to be the pro-education governor.”

Walker points to his signature Act 10 legislation, his expansion of the state’s voucher school programs and his goal of boosting high school graduation rates as

evidence to bolster his claim ...

The first Walker education ad features Anita D'Abbraccio, a special education teacher in the Racine Unified School District. D'Abbraccio praises Walker for giving schools "flexibility to put money where it matters most, in our classroom." The flexibility D'Abbraccio references is Walker's signature Act 10 legislation, which eliminated most public employees' collective bargaining rights and required them to pay more into their pensions and health insurance premiums. ...

A second education-focused ad focuses on a bill Walker signed into law in March increasing sparsity aid for small, rural schools. That legislation also allows districts that spend less than most others to raise their revenue limits without a vote from local property taxpayers. ...

"As I travel Wisconsin, visiting schools to meet with teachers, students, and families, I've listened to their insight as we've formed our agenda to help Wisconsin win the 21st century," Walker said in an emailed statement. "Over the next four years, we want to continue this progress by striving to have the highest high school graduation rate in the country. With our historic actual-dollar investments into education, our increase in the per-pupil Sparsity Aid funding, grants for mental health assistance and our goals for the future, we are dedicated to student success across the state and regardless of zip code." [Gov. Walker said] ...