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2024 Election Nov. 5



Margaret Buckton
Dave Daughton



2024 Session Mix

Chamber	Party	Current	Former
Senate	Democrat	16	0
Senate	Republican	33	1

Chamber	Party	Current	Former
House	Democrat	36	0
House	Republican	64	0

Shift of 10 seats needed to change leadership party in the Senate. Odd #’d seats hold 16:9 advantage (i.e. D’s must win 17 of 25 to take power). Need majority of 30 to confirm appointments.

Shift of 15 seats needed to change leadership party in the House (win 51 of 100)

Issues: Teacher Pay

What would be your top issue should you be elected?

Young: Property tax relief needs to be further addressed along with ensuring the transparency of the uses of property taxes. Iowans are rightly concerned over the exponential rise and unpredictability of their property tax bill. Also, after passing into law an increase in the starting teacher salary and raising pay for paraprofessionals, we must continue working on teacher pay by allocating additional dollars to help with compaction issues, as well as raising pay for veteran teachers doing great work for our students.

[Des Moines Register](#), Sept. 16, 2024



Issues: AEA Services

Sen. Chris Cournoyer, R, expects the task force to be appointed in the coming weeks, and said the legislative council must approve appointments before the task force would meet. She applied to serve on the task force but does not know if she was selected.

Cournoyer, a former school board member and current substitute teacher, said she has received no complaints this fall about the AEA legislation.

“We’re a month into school, and I haven’t heard from a teacher, a parent or anyone that the new system isn’t working ... for providing services to kids,” she said.

[Dubuque Telegraph Herald](#), Sept. 28, 2024

RSAI Resources

In your Packet:

- ADVOCACY DURING AN ELECTION YEAR
- 2024 SUCCESSES (Thank an Incumbent)
- Press Release Template (staff will email out a WORD doc tomorrow morning so you can personalize it, have a quote from your district participant, submit to local press.)

RSAI Legislative Page

Candidate Questions plus 2024 Legislative Digest, Position Papers, Session updates <https://www.rsaia.org/2024-legislative-session.html> **Look for 2025 Session Page coming soon**