

AFT President Randi Weingarten and AFT-PA President Ted Kirsch on Hillary Clinton's Pennsylvania Primary Win

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The American Federation of Teachers issued the following news release:

"Tonight, Pennsylvanians affirmed that *Hillary Clinton* is the best and most qualified candidate to lead our party and our country forward," said AFT President *Randi Weingarten*. "*Hillary* won tonight because she has relentlessly focused on issues that Pennsylvania voters care about: raising wages, cutting college debt, rebuilding our infrastructure and boosting American manufacturing, reining in Wall Street, tending to our children and partnering with our teachers, protecting our seniors, and breaking down racial, gender and LGBT barriers. *Hillary* will protect our right to vote and has vowed to repeal Citizens United, restoring American democracy. She has what it takes to deliver real change for working people and break down the barriers holding our nation back. Tonight, yet again, she has proven that she is the candidate who will stand with working Americans to make our communities stronger and rebuild our economy.

"AFT members worked tirelessly to help deliver *Hillary* a resounding victory tonight and were critical in this election. The American Federation of Teachers, AFT Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers and the Scranton Federation of Teachers thank all of the members who volunteered and helped talk to nearly 11,000 union members on the phone or at their front doors for this primary election.

"AFT Pennsylvania President Ted Kirsch, who is also an AFT vice president, said, "Our members saw that one candidate is willing to take the time and effort to understand local issues and has smart plans to strengthen our schools and our communities. *Hillary Clinton*'s support of the proposed Philadelphia soda tax shows she understands the challenges austerity politics has left us facing and the nuanced approach needed to make life better for everyday Pennsylvanians."

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