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Rebecca Pringle: I'm Becky Pringle, president of the National Education Association. As an eighth grade science teacher for over 30 years, I can tell you that Kamala Harris and Tim Walz understand that when our public schools are strong, our nation is strong.

They know expanding free school meals, investing in health care, and keeping our communities and schools safe creates opportunity for everyone. They will strengthen our schools, support our educators, and help our students live into their brilliance.

Donald Trump and JD Vance are not just wrong—they're dangerous. It's right there in Project 2025. They will shut down the Department of Education, end Head Start, and make educators pay a higher percentage in taxes than billionaires.

We are coming together to say: Not. On. Our. Watch!

So, we will organize. We will mobilize. And come this January we will have a president who sees us, believes in us, and knows the power of our diverse democracy.

Her name is Kamala Harris.

Randi Weingarten: I'm Randi Weingarten, president of the AFT. One of the first lessons I taught my students was about the social contract—how both individual freedoms and mutual responsibility are essential in our democracy. This covenant underlies our commitment to public schools, where educators prepare students to spark innovations, steward the environment, create our arts, and shape our democracy. One of the first lessons my students taught me is you have to walk the walk. That means Donald Trump and JD Vance can't claim they're pro-child while gutting funding for public schools.

That being pro-family means supporting access to good union jobs and affordable housing, health care, and higher education. That's what Kamala Harris and Tim Walz are fighting for, and we are all-in. They have spent their lives making the promise of America real, in the classroom and the courtroom.

America, with Kamala Harris as our president, our best days are ahead!

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