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THE FUTURE OF WISCONSIN'S SUPREME COURT AND WISCONSIN SCHOOLS will be decided on

APRIL 2 ... VOTE!

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WHY IS THE APRIL 2nd WI. SUPREME COURT ELECTION SO IMPORTANT?

According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, this race "will determine the course the state's fractured high court takes for years as it will likely address limits on collective bargaining and Wisconsin's stalled voter ID law... also laws giving the governor more authority over administrative rules. The court is now controlled by a 4-3 conservative majority".

THE SUPREME COURT CANDIDATES --



Incumbent Justice [Pat Roggensack](#), whose TV ads are flooding the airwaves (more than \$300,000 of them paid for by the out-of-state conservative group, Club for Growth), is part of the Court's 4-3 conservative majority. Like many conservatives, she touts her "tough on crime" credentials in her ubiquitous TV ads, although this is a topic the Supreme Court rarely addresses.



The challenger, [Ed Fallon](#), a Marquette University law professor, specializes in constitutional law, immigration law, securities regulation and corporate law. He has actively promoted stem cell research as President of Wisconsin Stem Cells Now and has been active with a number of not-for-profit organizations. According to Politifact/Wisconsin (a well-known fact-checking site), Fallon's campaign ads have been primarily paid for by private individuals.

ARE WISCONSIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN PERIL?

Also on the April 2 ballot are the candidates for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.



The current Superintendent [Tony Evers](#) "firmly believes education is our pathway back to middle class prosperity. To rebuild our economy and restore the American Dream, every child must be a graduate ready for college or a career, and re-investing in education will help get us there."



His opponent, WI State Rep. [Don Pridemore](#), has had a controversial tenure in the State Assembly, supporting the arrest of federal officials attempting to implement the health care overhaul law and pushing for immigration laws similar to Arizona's law. He supports Gov. Scott Walker's budget proposal, which would expand the use of vouchers beyond Milwaukee and Racine while not allowing public school spending elsewhere in the state to increase.

Fri., March 29, 7 p.m. (tonight) A TELEVISED DEBATE BETWEEN THE SUPREME COURT CANDIDATES ON PUBLIC TV (WPT-TV) The debate between candidates Ed Fallone and Pat Roggensack will be rebroadcast on Sun., March 31, 9:30 a.m., on WPT-TV.

Or you can view a video of the Roggensack/Fallone debate here:

<http://video.wpt2.org/video/2341404927/> . A video of the Evers/Pridemore debate can be seen at <http://video.wpt2.org/video/2354413247/>

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