

# Contrasting Candidates for Governor

	Astorino (REPUBLICAN)	Cuomo (DEMOCRAT)	Hawkins (GREEN PARTY)
<b>Teacher Tenure</b>	<b>Opposes</b> Sees it as a way to allow ineffective teachers to stay in the classroom	<b>Wishy-Washy</b> "Any change to the current law would have to be carefully reviewed"	<b>Supports</b> "Tenure establishes and preserves a highly qualified teacher workforce in our schools."
<b>Triborough Amendment</b>	<b>Opposes</b> "I support <b><i>changing</i></b> the Triborough Amendment, which now keeps public-employee-union contracts in effect even after they expire. "	<b>Wishy-Washy</b> Silent right now but has used buzz phrases like support of "mandate relief", which is seen as code for elimination of Triborough	<b>Supports</b> Supports the right of public workers to strike and he would maintain the Triborough Amendment, which extends existing contracts when they end if there is not an agreement.
<b>Common Core</b>	<b>Opposes</b> Would replace CC with "In-State Standards," although unclear who would design these.	<b>Supports</b>	<b>Opposes</b> He believes we need standards, but educators should design them, not private contractors with lucrative contracts
<b>Property Tax Cap and Freeze</b>	<b>Supports Concept</b> Would take it a step further: "My plan will give New York one of the lowest tax rates in the Northeast, making New York much more competitive than it has been in over a generation."	<b>Supports</b> A legislative accomplishment he is proud of	<b>Opposes</b> "We need to end the property tax cap and the Gap Elimination Adjustment, which have balanced the state budget on the backs of our children by cutting state aid to schools for the last five years."
<b>End of the Gap Elimination Adjustment</b>	<b>Has not addressed This</b>	<b>Opposes Any Change</b>	<b>Supports Immediate End</b>
<b>Charter Schools</b>	<b>Supports</b>	<b>Supports</b> "You are not alone. We will save Charter Schools!" - April 3, 2014 at Charter School Rally, Albany, N.Y.	<b>Opposes</b>
<b>Reduction of State Tests</b>	<b>Supports,</b> but little offered in what kind of reduction would occur under his leadership	<b>Supports,</b> but has done little or nothing to reduce tests	<b>Supports:</b> "We should let the local teachers and parents and school boards make the decisions about standards, curriculum and assessment."