

Stand up for our students & our schools!

Here's where Elizabeth Warren & Scott Brown stand on the issues:

Warren VS Brown*

EW will fight for federal support for public schools and colleges for all. She supports increased funding for individuals with disabilities & students living in high-poverty areas, and is focused on creating opportunities for every child – in current and future generations – to succeed.

EDUCATION FUNDING (K-12)

SB supported deep Republican budget cuts and voted against federal funding to keep thousands of Massachusetts educators on the job & in their classrooms after the economic collapse. [Senate Vote #36, 3/9/11; Senate Vote #177, 10/20/2011; Senate Vote #200, 6/24/2010]

EW supports increased funding for public colleges, state universities, UMass & advanced technical training programs.

SB - Position unknown.

EW called on Congress to take action to stop soaring student loan interest rates from doubling. She supports strengthening grant programs, lowering loan payments & forgiving loans for those who serve their communities.

HIGHER EDUCATION

SB voted twice to let the interest rate on student loans double, and also voted for legislation cutting Pell Grants for 135,000 Massachusetts students. [Senate Vote #36, 3/9/11; Senate Vote #89, 5/8/12.]

EW believes reducing class size in the early grades is a priority.

STUDENT DEBT/AFFORDABILITY

SB voted to cut \$400,000 from a grant program to lower the size of classrooms in kindergarten through grade 12 while serving in the state Senate. [Senate Vote 371, 7/31/08]

CLASS SIZE

EW supports early childhood education and full-day kindergarten for all school districts.

SB voted to cut nearly \$200,000 from early education programs & uphold then-Gov. Romney's veto reduction, including the elimination of \$100,000 for the development & adoption of core competency requirements for those working with children in early education programs.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

EW supports the use of multiple measures to evaluate student achievement & school performance.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT MEASURES

SB - Position unknown.

EW opposes federal private school vouchers.

SB supports vouchers for public, private or religious schools.

EW believes in the right to unionize and in collective bargaining rights.

VOUCHERS

SB - Position unknown.

EW supports President Obama's health care law. She supports efforts to reduce costs, including innovation in health care delivery and research.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

SB supports the full repeal of President Obama's health care law. This would allow insurance companies to deny those with pre-existing conditions, prevent parents from keeping their kids on their plans until 26, increase prescription drug costs for seniors & decrease access for all to preventive care.

HEALTH CARE

EW wants to put people to work and protect jobs. She supports rebuilding our state's transportation system, including roads & bridges, mass transit & rail, and protecting the jobs of teachers, firefighters & police officers.

JOBS / ECONOMY

SB voted for a Republican budget bill estimated to cost 17,000 jobs in Massachusetts & reduce federal training funds, affecting 27,000 potential workers. Brown voted eight times against extending unemployment benefits to people who had lost their jobs. [Senate Votes #48, #194, #200, #204, #209 and #215 on H.R. 4213; Votes #116, #117, on H.R. 4851; 3/10/2010 through 7/21/2010; and Vote #36, 3/9/11]

EW believes people should receive the Social Security benefits that they have earned.

SOCIAL SECURITY

SB voted for a budget proposal that would require cuts to Social Security. He wants to repeal laws that give seniors a free annual exam and that help to pay for prescription drugs. [Senate Vote #116, 7/22/11; Vote #9, 2/2/11; Vote #84, 3/25/10]

EW wants millionaires to pay their fair share. She wants to put an end to tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans and subsidies to Big Oil.

TAX FAIRNESS

SB voted to give tax breaks to millionaires and special subsidies to Big Oil. He voted to block the Buffett rule, which would have required the wealthiest Americans to pay their fair share – at least a 30% tax rate. [Senate Vote #65, 4/16/12]



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* Note: All of Scott Brown's positions are based on his voting record or public statements. Brown refused to participate in the NEA/MTA recommendations process.