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Voters in Indiana will elect a Governor and Attorney General this cycle. All 100 House seats are on the ballot as well as 25 out of the 50 Senate seats. Republicans are expected to maintain their Republican trifecta, controlling the office of governor and both chambers of the state legislature.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

Jennifer McCormick

Jennifer McCormick is the Democratic candidate for governor looking to replace term limited incumbent Governor Eric Holcomb (R). She ran unopposed in the May Democratic primary. McCormick began her career as a special education teacher and went on to work as a middle school language arts teacher and later principal at Yorktown Elementary School and assistant superintendent of Yorktown Community schools. She was elected superintendent of public instruction in 2016. Following her superintendent term ending in 2021, McCormick switched from the Republican party to the Democratic party.

McCormick's campaign <u>platform</u> is promising to protect reproductive healthcare, support highwage **jobs** and unions, promote responsible **tax** spending, and prioritize **education**.

On the **environment** and **energy** front, she has proposed a pause in utility rate increases by appointing an Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to audit any excessive rate increases. She has also <u>pledged</u> to create an Office of Environmental Justice within the Department of Environmental Management to promote citizen involvement in the environmental decision-making process.

Regarding **healthcare**, McCormick is <u>highlighting</u> plans to lower prescription costs, prioritize quality mental health serves and addiction care, provide state-wide access to maternal health services, and reduce the infant mortality rate.

At the end of June, McCormick's campaign had raised \$780,000 during the reporting period, with \$700,000 cash on hand going into the summer.

The candidates for Indiana Governor have agreed to a televised debate on October 24 organized by the Indiana Debate Commission. The debate will be among McCormick, U.S. Senator Mike Braun (R), and Donald Rainwater, the Libertarian candidate.

Republicans have controlled the governor's office since 2005. The <u>Cook Political Report</u> has rated this race as Solid Republican and <u>Sabato's Crystal Ball</u> has rated it Safe Republican.

Trivia: McCormick grew up on her family farm in New Castle, Indiana.