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Christie touts 50th Democratic endorsement



Governor Chris Christie talks about the failures of the education system as he addresses a group of more than 500 members of the New Jersey Orthodox Jewish community. Teaneck, NJ 10/6/13 (Robert Sciarrino/The Star-Ledger)

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PALMYRA — At a pizzeria in this square-mile Burlington County borough, Gov. Chris Christie today announced he had reached a milestone that no Republican governor has ever achieved.

By picking up endorsements from Palmyra Mayor Karen Scheffler and Council President David Dorworth, 50 Democratic officials have announced their support for him over challenger Sen. Barbara Buono, (D-Middlesex).

Buono is running an uphill race without the money and clout of many notable Democrats.

Dorworth thanked the governor for allocating the funds for the \$3.4 million sewer project, "so residents are free from the odors of the waste water treatment plant."

Scheffler said she knows she can call Trenton and get a response --something she couldn't say about past governors.

"Although we differ on some philosophical issues, it's good to know the kind of partisan politics in Washington have no place in New Jersey," Scheffler said, referring to the president and congress' stalemate that shut down the federal government 11 days ago.

Christie thanked them for their support, knowing it may alienate them from their own party. He assured them the public wants to see politicians working together. "They don't want to hear about our philosophical differences."

Christie also put in a plug for Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno, who is facing off in a debate tonight against Milly Silva, a union organizer.

"I'm really proud of her," Christie said, noting she was a councilwoman, sheriff and federal prosecutor before becoming the first lieutenant governor and a sounding board for the business community.

"She created a job out of nothing," Christie said, adding she will set the standard for others who come after.

After his remarks, the governor stopped to shake hands, take pictures and sign autographs with the several dozen people invited to the press conference inside Manny's Sicilian Ristorante.

He met Emily Kane, 16, the youth and government president for Palmyra High School. Upon hearing her title and age, Christie smiled and said politics "is like a disease you know — you catch it."



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Christie corrupts the judicial process for political purposes. That's how he got to be Governor. He indicts his political enemies (operation Bid Rig) trying to entrap people for political points, and gives his supporters a pass (DiVincenzo). The message is clear, endorse Christie and you have nothing to fear from the AG. He has been playing this game since the beginning.

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"50 Democratic officials" . . . so let's take into consideration the averages that each OFFICIAL represents, let's say 10,000 people yeah, Christie wins this election walking.

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50 officials = 50 votes... if they vote for Christie

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he should take great comfort in knowing that all of us dems will be voting for him.

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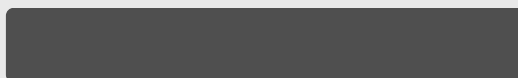
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