

# Karl Dean

Karl Dean is the former Mayor of Nashville. Dean was in office during the great recession and brought HCA and Bridgestone to the city through tax incentives to bolster the economy. He also led recovery efforts after the 2010 flood in Nashville.

**Platform:** Dean is running on education, healthcare, and jobs.

**Position on healthcare:**

Dean supports expanding Medicaid. He opposes work requirements for Medicaid services.

*"Yes. My biggest health care priority would be making sure all Tennesseans have access to quality and affordable health care. We need to make sure people are covered and covered cost effectively. The solution has to work for both sides of the aisle and take advantage of our share of federal dollars."*

- per The Tennessean

**Position on education:**

Dean plans to re-evaluate Tennessee's Basic Education Program (BEP), a formula used in funding public schools. He supports charter schools but not school vouchers.

*"We need to pay our teachers more by making education a priority in the budget every year. I've always worked on budgets the same way you would cut a pie. Your priorities get the largest piece and even in tough times you protect your priorities."*

- per The Tennessean

*"I think we need to continue to make education the top budgetary priority, and in fact, actually increase funding. I think we need to look at disparities in funding around the state. There are rural areas, there are other urban areas that are struggling, we need to open that up and find fairer ways to distribute money to make sure everybody gets a good education. We need to pay teachers a fair wage so that they'll stay as teachers... We need to do more with pre-K. Expand that statewide and build on after-school programming."*

- Leadership Tennessee forum at Lipscomb University, 6/15/2018

**Has not held office in Tennessee General Assembly or the U.S. Congress**

