



Sandbox Party Convention transcript: Virg Bernero
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Thank you.

Wow that was great.

Thank you so much and thank you Kelly and my lovely wife. Lansing's First Lady Teri Bernero.

Watch out, she's a principal. You don't want to see her in her office.

You know I'm running for governor and I have a lot of big plans for Michigan and a lot of them are laid out at votevirg.com

I'm not going to talk about them here

You are the main topic for today

You are right sweetheart

You are Michigan's future

All of you, all of you young people. I like that sign

I like that smile

You are what it's all about. I'm so proud of this area. Proud of what you've done, you educators, you early childhood providers, you parents who are the original early childhood educators.

Thank you for what you do. As a mayor, I support what you do, as a legislator I supported what you do. I am proud to be married to an educator.

When we were in college my wife was studying elementary education. I called her EE short for elementary education.

Now after 20 years plus of teaching, she's now a principal at Lewiston Elementary.

I support educators 150 percent as a politician. As a public servant, I work a lot on economic development.

I had an opportunity to go to South Korea, to Asan, our sister city. Touring with the Mayor of Asan City I saw projects of economic development, cranes in the air, big buildings going up. I asked 'how did you get this and how did you accomplish all this new growth and development? This building.' I didn't get an answer, then the third time the Mayor said 'In America you see bricks and mortar and see economic development things that you can touch, cranes and bricks and mortar. In Korea we believe education is economic development.'"

That, my friends, is what we have to convince the leaders of Michigan of. When we invest in young people we invest in economic development. We know the facts. The facts are on our side, its math and science. It's already there. It's proven.

We know zero to 5 works. We know it. The facts are there, so lets invest in our future. Let's invest in young people. Lets build the future and economic development and jobs of the future.

Keep up the great work. God bless you.