

FWIW: Belgard, MacArthur neck and neck

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The Democratic nominee in one of the national Republican Party's targeted House races in New Jersey is running even with her Republican opponent, according to an internal Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee poll obtained by CQ Roll Call.

Burlington County Freeholder Aimee Belgard led Republican insurance company owner Tom MacArthur, 43 percent to 42 percent. The automated poll found 15 percent of voters remain undecided.

A poll of likely 3rd District voters conducted from Sept. 12-14 by the Stockton Polling Institute had similar results. It found that MacArthur and Belgard each had 42.2 percent support of those surveyed.

The DCCC poll showed a 4-point drop for MacArthur from a poll conducted two weeks earlier. He led that one, 46 percent to 43 percent.

New Jersey teachers No. 1 in average hours worked

New Jersey teachers rank first in the nation in the average number of hours work, and second in academic and work environment, according to an analysis of the "Best and Worst States for Teachers" by WalletHub.com.

The study looked at 18 metrics, ranging from median starting salary to unemployment rate to teacher job openings per capita. Overall, New Jersey ranked 12th.

Wyoming and Pennsylvania had the two best overall rankings. Bruce Springsteen will appear in the upcoming Glen Campbell documentary, "I'll Be Me," by