

JOHN JAMES IS BETSY DEVOS'S HANDPICKED CANDIDATE FOR SENATE; JOHN JAMES WILL BENEFIT FROM NEARLY ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE DEVOS FAMILY

Detroit News Headline: "Devos Family Pumps \$800,000 Into Super PAC Targeting Peters." [Detroit News, [2/13/20](#)]

Democrats Said The Devos Contributions Show Peters' Opponent Will Stand With Secretary Devos And Her Family. "Democrats alleged the contributions show Peters' GOP opponent, Farmington Hills businessman John James, will stand with U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and her family. But Republicans countered that the contributions revealed key donors see how vulnerable Peters is this year in his re-election bid." [Detroit News, [2/13/20](#)]

Devos Family Members Were The Only Contributors To The Pro-James Super PAC Better Future MI Fund. "Better Future MI Fund formed Oct. 31, according to a filing with the Federal Election Commission. The super PAC had to file its first campaign finance disclosure, covering the last two months of 2019, on Jan. 31. The super PAC's only contributors were, at that point, from six members of the DeVos family. Daniel and Pamella DeVos, listed as executives with RDV Corp., each contributed \$200,000. Cheri DeVos and her husband, Steve Ehmann, each gave \$100,000. And Doug and Maria DeVos each gave \$100,000." [Detroit News, [2/13/20](#)]

DEVOS' FAMILY HAS ALSO Poured IN MONEY DIRECTLY TO JAMES' CAMPAIGN AND TO ANOTHER SUPER PAC THAT BACKED HIM IN 2018

As Of June 2019, The DeVos Family Had Donated \$30,800 To The James Campaign During The 2020 Cycle.

CONTRIBUTOR NAME	RECIPIENT	ELECTION	STATE	DATE	AMOUNT
Devos, Suzanne Cheryl	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	6/30/19	\$2,800
Devos, Suzanne Cheryl	John James for Senate, Inc.	General	MI	6/30/19	-\$2,800
Devos, Suzanne Cheryl	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	6/30/19	\$5,600
Devos, Pamella Ms.	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	6/30/19	\$2,800
Devos, Pamella Ms.	John James for Senate, Inc.	General	MI	6/30/19	-\$2,800
Devos, Pamella Ms.	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	6/30/19	\$5,600
Devos, Nicholas Mr.	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	6/30/19	\$2,800
Devos, Maria	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	6/30/19	\$2,800
Devos, Maria	John James for Senate, Inc.	General	MI	6/30/19	-\$2,800
Devos, Maria	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	6/30/19	\$5,600
Devos, Douglas L	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	6/30/19	\$2,800
Devos, Douglas L	John James for Senate, Inc.	General	MI	6/30/19	-\$2,800
Devos, Douglas L	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	6/30/19	\$5,600
Devos, Daniel G Mr.	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	6/30/19	\$2,800
Devos, Daniel G Mr.	John James for Senate, Inc.	General	MI	6/30/19	-\$2,800
Devos, Daniel G Mr.	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	6/30/19	\$5,600
TOTAL:					\$30,800

[FEC, Accessed [8/14/19](#)]

The DeVos Family Donated \$41,800 To The James Campaign In The 2018 Cycle.

CONTRIBUTOR NAME	RECIPIENT	ELECTION	STATE	DATE	AMOUNT
Devos, Pamella	John James for Senate, Inc.	General	MI	11/5/18	\$2,700
Devos, Nicholas	John James for Senate, Inc.	General	MI	11/5/18	\$2,500

Devos, Dalton C	John James for Senate, Inc.	General	MI	11/5/18	\$2,700
Devos, David	John James for Senate, Inc.	General	MI	10/28/18	\$500
Devos, Suzanne Cheryl	John James for Senate, Inc.	General	MI	6/26/18	\$2,700
Devos, Rick	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	6/26/18	\$2,700
Devos, Richard M Sr	John James for Senate, Inc.	General	MI	6/26/18	\$2,700
Devos, Melissa	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	6/26/18	\$2,700
Devos, Maria	John James for Senate, Inc.	General	MI	6/26/18	\$2,700
Devos, Douglass L	John James for Senate, Inc.	General	MI	6/26/18	\$2,700
Devos, Daniel G Mr.	John James for Senate, Inc.	General	MI	6/26/18	\$2,700
Devos, Dalton C	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	6/26/18	\$1,000
Devos, Suzanne Cheryl	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	12/31/17	\$2,700
Devos, Richard M	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	12/31/17	\$2,700
Devos, Maria	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	12/31/17	\$2,700
Devos, Douglass	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	12/31/17	\$2,700
Devos, Daniel G Mr	John James for Senate, Inc.	Primary	MI	12/31/17	\$2,700
TOTAL:					\$41,800

[FEC, accessed [7/16/18](#)]

Outsider PAC Took \$25,000 From Jerry Tubergen, President Of RDV Corp.

CONTRIBUTOR	RECIPIENT	STATE	EMPLOYER	RECIPIENT DATE	AMOUNT
Jerry Tubergen	Outsider PAC	MI	RDV Corporation	8/27/2018	\$50,000
Jerry Tubergen	Outsider PAC	MI	RDV Corporation	7/3/2018	\$25,000

[FEC, accessed [7/16/19](#)]

Outsider PAC Received Donations Jerry Tubergen, President Of RDV Corp., Which Had “Ties To The DeVos Family.” “Outsider PAC also received \$50,000 from the DeVos-owned Alticor Inc., and \$25,000 from Jerry Tubergen, president of RDV Corp., which has ties to the DeVos family.” [Detroit News, [8/16/18](#)]

- **RDV Corp. Manages The DeVos' Clans Multi-Billion Dollar Fortune.** "RDV Corp. manages the multibillion-dollar fortune of the multigenerational DeVos clan. RDV owns assets including stakes in companies. It also has units that handle daily needs of family members: staffing, real-estate holdings, yachts and more." [Wall Street Journal, [11/8/17](#)]

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Alticor Inc. Donated \$100,000 To Outsider PAC, A Political Action Committee Started To Support James.

CONTRIBUTOR	RECIPIENT	STATE	RECIPIENT DATE	RECIPIENT DATE
Alticor Inc.	Outsider PAC	MI	10/22/2018	\$50,000
Alticor Inc.	Outsider PAC	MI	7/13/2018	\$50,000

[FEC, accessed [7/16/19](#)]

JAMES SAYS BETSY DEVOS IS DOING A “VERY, VERY GOOD” JOB AS SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

As Secretary Of Education, James Said “The Job Betsy Devos Is Doing In Public Education Is Very, Very Good.” [Twitter, @MichiganDems, [6/7/19](#)] (0:38)

James: “I Think That The Job Betsy Devos Is Doing In The Department Of Education I Think Is Very, Very Good.”
JAMES: “I totally support charter schools. And I think that the job Betsy DeVos is doing in the Department of Education I think is very, very good. I personally believe that when you give parents a choice, you give kids a chance. And I think a lot of the Department of Education responsibilities should be pushed down to the state and local level, but since it’s there, having somebody who understands that the best schooling and education decisions are made by the parents, um, empowering the teachers.” [Howell, Michigan; Howell Concerts at the Courthouse, [7/13/18](#)]

JAMES SUPPORTS DEVOS’ RECORD, EVEN THOUGH SHE PROPOSED CUTTING \$9 BILLION DOLLARS FOR EDUCATION INCLUDING OVER \$100 MILLION FOR MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Washington Post: Devos Sought To Cut Education Department Funding By \$9 Billion. “DeVos had sought to cut Education Department funding by \$9 billion — about 13 percent. She wanted to eliminate money for after-school programs for needy youth and ax a grant program that helps low-income students go to college in favor of spending more than \$1 billion to promote charter schools, magnet schools and private school vouchers. Her proposal also outlined cuts to the Office for Civil Rights.” [Washington Post, [3/24/18](#)]

The Devos-Trump Budget Would Have Cut At Least \$120 Million From Michigan Schools. “Trump would cut \$9 billion or 13 percent from the U.S. Department of Education. A total of \$1.4 billion in new money is being funneled into school choice, including \$250 million for a new private school choice program, which probably will provide for vouchers. [...] The cuts include \$2.25 billion for teacher training from the Supporting Effective Instruction program, known as Title IIA, and \$1.2 billion from the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program for before and after school programs. Michigan schools stand to lose more than \$120 million from these programs alone.” [M-Live, [3/29/17](#)]

Detroit Free Press Headline: “Cut To After-School Programs Would Be ‘Devastating.’” [Detroit Free Press, [6/2/17](#)]

- **Detroit Free Press: The Devos-Trump Budget Left Before-School And After-School Programs “On The Chopping Block.”** “The Trump administration has left programs like this one hovering on the chopping block. His recent budget proposal calls for eliminating \$1.1 billion that funds the 21st Century Community Learning Centers that provide before-school, after-school and summer programs that are targeted at low-income, low-performing students nationwide.” [Detroit Free Press, [6/2/17](#)]
- **In Michigan, More Than 26,000 Students Were Served In The After-School Program During The 2015-2016 School Year.** “In Michigan, more than 26,000 students were served in the program during the 2015-16 school year, according to an evaluation of the program released in March by researchers at Michigan State University.” [Detroit Free Press, [6/2/17](#)]

ON WHETHER MICHIGAN LOCAL SCHOOLS HAVE GOTTEN BETTER, DEVOS HAS SAID: “I DON’T KNOW. OVERALL, I—I CAN’T SAY OVERALL THAT THEY HAVE ALL GOTTEN BETTER”

Detroit Free Press Headline: “Betsy Devos Flubs Question On Michigan Schools On ‘60 Minutes’” [Detroit Free Press, [3/12/18](#)]

- **DeVos: “I Don’t Know. Overall, I, I Can’t Say Overall.”** “But ‘have the public schools in Michigan gotten better?’ Stahl asked again. ‘I don’t know. Overall, I, I can’t say overall....’ DeVos responded.” [Detroit Free Press, [3/12/18](#)]

New York Times Headline: “Devos Has Not ‘Intentionally’ Visited A Struggling Michigan Public School” [New York Times, [3/12/18](#)]

- **When Devos Was Asked If She Visited Really Bad Schools To Figure Out What’s Happening In Them, Devos Said She Has “Not Intentionally Visited Schools That Are Underperforming.”** “In the ‘60 Minutes’ interview, Stahl also asked DeVos if she has seen the ‘really bad schools’ and attempted to try and figure out what’s happening in them. DeVos said she has ‘not intentionally visited schools that are underperforming.’ ‘Maybe you should,’ Stahl said. ‘Maybe I should,’ DeVos replied. ‘Yes.’” [Detroit News, [3/12/18](#)]