

# John Engler Quotes

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I've been in the legislative branch and now the executive branch and in each case I felt it was important we use our constitutional responsibilities to the fullest.

~John Engler

You win by working hard, making tough decisions and building coalitions.

~John Engler

Redistricting is one of the purest actions a legislative body can take.

~John Engler

I have an old saying that the harder I work, the luckier I get.

~John Engler

Very few charter schools are being created in some of the best school districts in the state. If you're an educational innovator, that isn't where the greatest need is.

~John Engler

I just have a position that any child that's in a failing school should be able to get out, or be in a position to have that school fixed.

~John Engler

I don't put labels on myself.

~John Engler

I wish we could have acted quicker on Detroit or other failing schools.

~John Engler

All 50 states had the same national economy. And on virtually any measurement you wish to look at, Michigan has moved up and improved against the others.

~John Engler

I care about the children of Detroit.

~John Engler

Despite these hurdles, manufacturers in the U.S. and their employees are doing remarkable work.

~John Engler

We didn't pass any constitutional amendments that affected the executive branch while I was governor.

~John Engler

The asbestos problem impacts everyone.

~John Engler

And there should not be a limit on the creation of new public schools. We ought to expand choices for parents.

~John Engler

I'm a compassionate conservative.

~John Engler

I created no authority that wasn't already there under the constitution.

~John Engler

I think we've got outstanding teaching in Michigan classrooms.

~John Engler

Manufacturers employ more than 14 million Americans doing what Americans do best, making things, building things, transforming raw materials into finished products.

~John Engler

The Clean Michigan Initiative has been and continues to be a success.

~John Engler

Nobody gets any guarantees.

~John Engler

The current Michigan Constitution was written in 1961 and 62.

~John Engler

As you look around the country there are still a significant number of states where their whole school debate is over school funding and we've been focused on the quality debate for most of the '90s.

~John Engler

Given the professionalism of Michigan teachers, I think they're not teaching because of the financial rewards.

~John Engler

As governor, I learned the importance of having an agenda.

~John Engler

I've gone from being one of the youngest governors to now the longest consecutive serving governor in the country.

~John Engler

Michigan is also the only industrial state that has a AAA credit rating.

~John Engler

We have broken the cycle of dependency. People have found out they're better off working.

~John Engler

Manufacturers account for nearly 60 percent of all industrial research and development.

~John Engler

Believe me, I'm not going to try to get into testing.

~John Engler

I'm very pleased with the job President Bush is doing and he's off to a terrific start.

~John Engler

I expect my next job to be outside government.

~John Engler

I kept telling everyone I wasn't going to Washington to stay. I go to visit.

~John Engler

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