



Information Update

News and Notes for Education Professionals

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Hi Member,

Below are updates on dues deduction during the shutdown, guidance for tracking pay and resolving LES issues, a link to the 2025–26 Pay Organizer, and an important reminder about staying safe from phishing emails.

Dues Deduction Update

FEA understands the challenges everyone is facing during the government shutdown. Because of this, the dues deduction originally scheduled for October 24 will be delayed. Members will still be responsible for the full dues amount, but we will notify you before deductions resume. If you are currently using EFT or credit card for single payments and are concerned about finances, you can switch to multiple EFT deductions through AutoPay.

Switch to AutoPay here: <https://edues.nea.org/eDues/righthere.jsp>

We are also aware of significant pay issues in this pay period and have escalated them to DoDEA HQ. Please take time to carefully compare your most recent LES with the previous one, report any discrepancies to the [DoDEA service desk](#), and continue monitoring future LES statements. For your convenience, we've provided [the 2025–26 Pay Organizer](#) to help you track changes quickly.

Stay Safe Online – Beware of Phishing Emails

We want to remind members to be cautious of suspicious emails. Recently, a targeted phishing email has circulated with the subject line “Membership Notices.” This is not legitimate.

Please remember:

- FEA emails will always include a staff member’s name, not just a generic department.
- Do not click on links or open attachments from unexpected emails.
- If in doubt, verify with the sender before opening.

A simple rule to follow: ***If you weren’t expecting it and didn’t ask for it, don’t open it.***

Verify whether the supposed author sent the email and confirm it is good first.

Government Shutdown Resources & Support

While DoDEA does not operate its own credit union, the following institutions and programs are offering assistance to federal employees impacted by the shutdown (FEA is not endorsing any of these institutions and is only providing for informational purposes):

- **Navy Federal Credit Union** Eligible members with direct deposit who are service members, federal employees, or federal contractors may qualify for a zero-interest, no-fee loan of up to \$6,000. Loan amounts are based on the most recent direct deposit. Repayment is automatically deducted once pay resumes.
- **USAA** Members employed by an affected federal agency who received a qualifying direct deposit within 30 days prior to the shutdown can apply for a zero-interest loan equal to one net paycheck (up to \$6,000). USAA may also offer special payment arrangements for insurance premiums, credit cards, loans, and other accounts
- **Community Bank** Customers with existing loans may be eligible to defer payments by one or two months if impacted by the shutdown.
- **Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)** Hardship Withdraw Federal employees and uniformed service members can request a financial hardship in-service withdrawal from their TSP accounts. [Learn more here.](#)
- **Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA)** MILITARY STAR Card Offering 0% interest and no payments for three months on commissary purchases made between Oct. 1–31, providing immediate relief during the shutdown.

Also, here is a [furlough resource guide](#).

A Message from FEA

We know these are difficult times with the ongoing government shutdown. Please know that FEA is here to support you and is actively working to protect your pay, benefits, and rights. Now more than ever, it’s important that we look out for ourselves and each other.

FEA exists to protect the rights and benefits of DoDEA employees and to promote a high-quality learning environment for students. Your mission is to educate and support children around the world. Our mission is to support you in that work.

Together, we are stronger.

In solidarity,
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