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Hi Member,

In this newsletter issue, learn more about:

- Two FEA educators selected for the prestigious NEA Foundation Global Learning Fellowship
- The official end of the government shutdown and key updates on backpay processing
- Guidance for reporting pay or leave issues resulting from the shutdown
- Updates on ongoing website login and password reset fixes

[Member Spotlight: FEA Educators Selected for Global Learning Fellowship](#)

We are excited to highlight two outstanding FEA members who were selected for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!



Featured above are SHAPE American High School teacher Natalie Sparks Johnson and Yokota West Elementary literacy specialist Nicole Parker (the 2024 DoDEA Pacific South District Teacher of the Year). They both have been chosen as part of the 2026 NEA Foundation Global Learning Fellowship!

The fellowship, announced on October 14, 2025, brings together 50 educators worldwide for a year of professional learning in global competency and culturally responsive education. The program includes online collaboration, mentoring, and a capstone project tied to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. It will culminate in a 10-day field study in South Africa in summer 2026.

Congratulations, Natalie and Nicole, on this incredible achievement. Stay tuned for the digital FEA Winter journal to see interviews from them both!

If you think you or one of your colleagues should be featured in FEA's membership spotlight please reach out to us at feaadmin@nea.org.

[Government Shutdown Officially Over](#)

The federal government shutdown has officially ended!

On November 12, 2025, President Trump signed a Continuing Resolution (CR) funding the Department of Defense and the rest of the government through January 30, 2026. This means DoDEA operations are resuming normal, fully-funded activity worldwide.

FEA thanks all educators and staff for their patience, professionalism, and resilience during this challenging time. FEA sees the pain and suffering that you have endured working without pay for such a lengthy period of time. You served as the professionals that you all are and FEA honors your work..

FEA's immediate priority is to ensure that every employee receives accurate backpay and allowances as quickly as possible. Please note the following information we received from DoDEA:

- Timecards and leave submissions are being processed daily, and DFAS will issue special out-of-cycle payments until all missed pay has been reconciled.
- While backpay may appear as lump-sum deposits, employees will receive an updated Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) for each pay period.
 - Timing may vary based on DFAS workload and system capacity, but DoDEA has committed to ensuring all employees are paid as soon as practicable.

If you or any educator in your school sees pay problems or any issues that arise from the shutdown, including leave issues, please elevate immediately so FEA leaders can attempt to resolve or bring in the UniServ to assist.

[Website Password Reset Update](#)

Some members are still having trouble accessing the FEA website or receiving password reset emails. We know this has been frustrating and appreciate your patience as we continue working to fix the issue with the website developers.

Our web team is actively addressing the problem to ensure all members can log in and access resources smoothly and securely. If you continue to have trouble signing in, please try again in about 1-2 weeks as we work to get the full functionality restored.

Thank you for your understanding while we make these improvements.

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