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Retired News

Information for FEA Retired Members

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1. NEA/FEA Urges the Senate to Reject the House-passed Budget Bill.

The bill the House just passed is calling for trillions in tax cuts that heavily benefit billionaires—with devastating cuts in education, health, and nutrition programs for students, working families, seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, and more. The consequences will be severe, especially in rural communities where public schools are also economic centers. A tax-credit voucher scheme will divert \$20 billion away from public schools. Higher education would become less affordable and accessible. To take action, visit: [Take Action | NEA](#)

2. **FEA/NEA will meet in Portland (OR) this summer.** There will be several Association meetings held this summer in the Rose City. Here are some of the highlights:

- NEA-Retired will hold their annual business meeting on June 29-30 at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel. For all the details on this event, visit: www.nea.org/retired
- FEA will then hold its annual meeting on June 30-July 1st at the Hotel Deluxe (729 SW 15th Avenue). The annual meeting is open to all FEA members.
- The NEA Representative Assembly will be July 2-6 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland.

If you have items of interests or concerns that you wish to be raised at any of these meetings, let us know at retiredFEA@gmail.com

3. **NEA/FEA Judicial Fights for Our Members.** Several legal cases have been filed across the country to reverse Executive Orders that would have a negative effect on our members and the educational services they provide.

- The Administration recently signed Executive Order (EO) 14251 attempting to strip away key protections for federal employees—including DoDEA educators. DoDEA has begun to ignore provisions of the Overseas Negotiated Agreement and Stateside MLAs, despite OPM guidance to maintain the contracts until litigation has concluded. NEA, on behalf of FEA, FEA-Stateside Region, and the Antilles Consolidated Education Association have [filed a federal lawsuit](#) to stop this executive order and DoDEA's actions.
- The National Education Association and other groups are challenging the Executive Order that bans programs on diversity, equity and inclusion. The lawsuit states that the Order violates the free speech rights of teachers and students. While the judge in New Hampshire did issue a preliminary injunction against the order (in April), the case will proceed in the courts.
- While the administration's efforts to dismantle or abolish the Department of Education are not yet finalized, they are facing legal challenges. The Department of Education cannot be abolished unilaterally by the executive branch; this would require an act of Congress.

4. Support Our Political Fight for Public Education and Our Members.

While we celebrated our political victory of repealing GPO/WEP (benefiting our FEA members under CSRS), the need to elect a supportive Congress is greater than ever. NEA-R will be holding an online auction this month (June 23-July 1). You can have fun bidding on gifts, while contributing to the Fund for Children and Public Education. Keep an eye on the webpage www.nea.org/retired as the auction approaches.

However, you can always contribute to The Fund at any time at www.educationvotes.nea.org and click on "Support the NEA PAC." The work in the past by The Fund has strongly benefited FEA and during these times, the fight for a fair Association for members and education is at an all-time high.

5. **DoDDS Reunion.** This year's DoDDS Reunion will be at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada, July 14-18, 2025. The current registration fee is \$170, but this will go up to \$180 at the door. Hundreds of retirees have already registered. For more information go to www.mydoddsreunion.com

6. **Stock up on Postage Stamps this month.** The current cost of a first-class stamp in the United States is \$0.73 for a standard-sized, rectangular envelope. This price is set to increase to \$0.78 on July 13, 2025. Buying your "Forever" stamps now will save you money for future mailings.



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