



Retired News

Information for FEA Retired Members

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1. NEA-Retired Holiday Auction. Now is the perfect time to give, and to get, by supporting the NEA-Retired Auction. Your donations benefit the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education. The NEA Fund is our voice in Washington—it speaks on behalf of our 3.2 million members from all 51 affiliates of the National Education Association. Last year's success in ending GPO/WEP that had a financial impact on our FEA members (under CSRS) is an outstanding example of the importance of this fund. The Auction is also a fun way to do a little holiday shopping. Now is the time to visit the auction and see what is there. Bidding ends on Monday, December 15, 2025. Get started at: <https://LRX.givesmart.com>

2. The Bill that Ended the Government Shutdown. On November 12th, President Trump signed into law the continuing resolution passed by the House and Senate to end the government shutdown. The temporary spending plan — which keeps the government open through January 30, 2026 — funds federal education programs at FY 2025 levels. It also rescinds the Administration's mass RIFs of federal workers (including the Department of Education employees) during the shutdown, prohibits further RIFs through the end of January, and affirms the Administration's obligation under a 2019 law to provide back pay to all federal employees.

3. Pensions Continued During the Shutdown. The Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS) retirees still received their scheduled annuity payments on the first business day of the month during the shutdown. A shutdown does not prevent the federal government from making monthly annuity payments.

4. "Educating RITA." The FEA-Washington office receives questions from time to time about the "Relocation Income Tax Allowance." The following link with the Defense Accounting and Finance service may provide answers regarding this federal program. This page includes guidance on how to apply for RITA and what documentation is required:

<https://www.dfas.mil/CivilianEmployees/Civilian-Permanent-Change-of-Station-PCS/>

5. NEA Retired Spring Conference. The annual spring conference for the National Education Association—Retired Members will be March 1-3, 2026, just outside of Phoenix, Arizona. Next month's issue of the NEA-Retired magazine will contain all the information about the conference and how you can attend.



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