



Retired News

Information for FEA Retired Members

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1. Judicial Victories Support Public Education. On December 30th, a New York district judge granted summary judgment vacating a new Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) policy limiting the kinds of labor disputes eligible for mediation. FMCS enacted the policy in response to a March Executive Order that directed officials to shutter the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). The court ruled that the policy, which bars smaller bargaining units from pursuing mediation in labor disputes, and the resultant mass layoffs of FMCS employees, were arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). As a result, FMCS was ordered to reverse the reductions-in-force (RIFs).

Also, on December 17th, a California district judge issued a preliminary injunction barring the Administration from implementing a reduction in force (RIF) at the Department of Education and other agencies between October 1st and January 30th and directing the Administration to rescind all RIF notices issued to employees at those agencies during last fall's government shutdown. The order forces the Administration to comply with a provision in the November 2025 Continuing Resolution that prohibits any further federal RIFs through January 30th. The Administration appealed the order in late December, but withdrew its appeal without explanation on January 2nd.

2. The NEA Legislative Committee Holds a Virtual Listening Session. NEA/FEA members are invited to join the NEA Legislative Committee for a national listening session designed to elevate educators' voice, share timely federal updates and provide input on NEA's Legislative Program. The next session is Thursday, February 26, at 8 pm (Eastern). Registration for this virtual meeting is required: <https://nea.org/zoom/meeting/register/BNIZ2bSiTPyTvyVZ6BfNtw#/registration>

3. The Fund for Children and Public Education fights for fair treatment of our educators and retirees. It is clear how important it is to support our NEA lobbyists who never gave up the fight for legislation that treats all educators, active and retired, with respect and dignity. Please consider donating to the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education. Even a small donation will help! Please don't wait...go to <https://educationvotes.nea.org/donate/> today to make a difference.

4. NEA-Retired Spring Conference starts February 28 near Phoenix, AZ. The NEA-R Spring Conference will be February 28 through March 3, 2026, at the Gila Resort and Casino Wild Horse Pass, 5040 Wild Horse Pass Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85226 (Phoenix). NEA-R will offer several workshops for NEA-Retired members including programs on racial and social justice, becoming more involved in your retired association and tools for organizing. Registration is only \$120, and is now open through February 13, 2026. For more information on the conference, the agenda, and how to register visit: www.nea.org/retired

5. Tax Time is Just Around the Corner. As we get busy collecting our paperwork for filing our taxes, don't forget NEA Member Benefits (<http://neamb.com>) has several publications on tax preparation for retirees. They also offer discounts on tax preparation software. After logging in, click the "Benefits and Discounts" in the top banner, and then click on "NEA Discount Market Place." Then, near the bottom of the page (where it says "Find a Store"), type the word "tax" in the search browser to see the various discounts offered on several software programs.

6. Rocky Mountain High! The 2026 NEA Representative Assembly will be held in Denver, Colorado, July 1-7, 2026. FEA-R will elect one retired member delegate to serve our retired members at this event. Watch your email and inbox this month for additional information.



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