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# Retired NEWS

*Information for FEA Retired Members*

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**1. Proposing Federal Education FY 2027 Budget Cuts.** On April 3rd, 2026, the current Administration released its proposal for the 2027 fiscal year that would reduce education funding by a net \$2.3 billion, or a 3% cut. This includes \$8.5 billion in cuts to around thirty K-12 programs, including 17 ESEA programs and most IDEA programs other than Part B formula grants to states, which would be consolidated into two block grant programs. The proposal also requests that Congress appropriate funding for federal career and technical education programs — which are required by statute to be run through ED — to the Department of Labor (DOL), formalizing the Administration's transfer of these programs from ED to DOL through a May 2025 interagency agreement. It should be noted that the Constitution gives the power to appropriate and spend federal money exclusively to Congress; a President's budget proposal does not have any legal force and rarely becomes law as written.

**2. When do I vote?** Special, primary and general elections are popping up all over the United States and vary by where you live. If you want to find out when an election is occurring in your State, visit: <https://www.usvotefoundation.org/primary-election-dates> This site gives the type of elections, how to register to vote, how to request a ballot along with dates. Check out this site and mark your calendars.

**3. Why Giving to the Fund for Children and Public Education matters?** When you donate to the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education, you are doing more than donating to Political Candidates, you are investing in the future. By donating to the NEA Fund, you will be supporting candidates who will support public education and the rights of educators and public employees. There are too many politicians who would silence educators and public employees, who would siphon money from public schools to fund private for-profit schools, and who would slash retiree benefits. We KNOW that lobbying can make a difference: NEA's successful push to pass the Social Security Fairness Act shows how such lobbying can directly benefit our federal retirees.

Even a small contribution can make a difference! Please go to: [Donate to the NEA PAC - Education Votes %](#) today to invest in the future. Be sure to indicate "Federal" as your affiliate, and "Retired" under "Employer." Also, IF you are still working, be sure NOT to take any action on this on government time, property, networks, or equipment.

**4. National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8, 2026.**

Educators do all they can for their students, and FEA-R is doing all we can for members. We're transforming our appreciation into action that protects students, strengthens public schools, and ensures educators are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve. Download the NEA toolkit and see how you can become involved: <https://www.nea.org/TAW>

**5. Congratulations to Norma Sanders—never stops serving.**

Norma Sanders is an FEA-R member and chair of the Social/Racial Justice committee. She is also a past recipient of the NEA/FEA Excellence in Education award. She continues her work as the elected person to the Executive Committee of the Lee County (AL) NAACP Branch. She will now chair of the House committee. We all benefit from her tireless work. Thanks, Norma.

**6. Book your summer travel now!** There are several events occurring this summer that you may wish to join. Book flights now, before airfares rise.

- NEA Retired Annual Meeting June 30/July 1 in Denver ([www.nea.org/retired](http://www.nea.org/retired))
- FEA Annual Meeting July 1-2 in Denver ([www.feaonline.org](http://www.feaonline.org))
- NEA Representative Assembly July 3-7 in Denver ([www.nea.org/ra](http://www.nea.org/ra))
- DoDDS Reunion July 13-17 near Milwaukee (WI) (<https://www.mydoddsreunion.com/>)
- NARFE FedCon2026 August 23-25 in Indianapolis (<https://fedcon.narfe.org/>)



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