



Retired News

Information for FEA Retired Members

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1. Plan, Promote, Protect Your Vote. NEA has set up a “one-stop” website (<https://educationvotes.nea.org/>) for voter information for members in all 50 States. Here are the highlights in that new portal:

- PLAN YOUR VOTE:** In this section, our members can use tools to make sure they are registered to vote, find their polling station, find information on how to get an absentee ballot, view the ballot, and set up electronic reminders.
- PROMOTE THE VOTE:** Through a new program, “The Empower Project” sets up a special procedure to train members in how to turn out the vote in this crucial fall election.
- PROTECT THE VOTE:** NEA has partnered with the League of Women Voters to recruit nonpartisan poll-workers for ordinary people to ensure that voting runs smoothly and everyone’s vote is counted.

2. Need Additional Information for My State? To obtain more information on candidates and issues that affect education at the “state-level,” visit: <https://educationvotes.nea.org/> At the bottom of this website page, there is a listing of all 50 States. Just click on your state to be directed to the NEA State Affiliate’s webpage for positions that were taken in the State where you live.

3. Six Thousand NEA Delegates plan for the coming year. Over 6000 delegates met last month in Denver to plan for positive action among our members. FEA-Retired President gave an update to our State delegation about the events of the past year. FEA-Retired Membership Chair, Alesia “Ms Lee” Gladden provided a written report on her work in building membership worldwide. She noted we are approaching nearly 900 retired FEA members.

4. FEA-Retired Members Need to Act Now in Contacting Congress. NEA has updated the NEA Legislative Action Center to push the Senate to pass the “Protect America’s Workforce Act” (S. 2837). This bill has passed the House, and we need the Senate to act on this. This bill would direct a government-wide prohibition of the enforcement of the Administration’s Executive Order that effectively bans collective bargaining for Federal unions. Passage of this bill would preserve our Stateside and Overseas contracts, would allow us to arbitrate cases, and reverse the negative changes that resulted from this Executive Order. Use this link to contact your Senator to urge them to support Senate Bill 2837: <https://www.nea.org/advocating-for-change/action-center/take-action/urge-senate-pass-protect-americas-workforce-act>

5. Donations requested for the NEA-Retired Summer Auction. Now, through August 16th, NEA-R is accepting donations for our summer auction to raise money for the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education. This Fund helps support pro-education candidates for public office. The auction will open for bids August 17-21. To donate a gift to the auction, visit: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=AErz7XYRsEOoDpVi_-dqNkvVioNUgzNDp52TJQs0OExUOVRXTVNDM0RRQzcxNUdDOE5GTjgxN1pSUC4u&route=shorturl&emci=ca0bb8bf-e189-f111-b337-000d3a1558ce&emdi=3582734e-8a8a-f111-b337-000d3a1558ce&ceid=12582063

6. DoDDS Reunion a Huge Success in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Over 400 retired DoDDS educators attended the annual reunion near Milwaukee, Wisconsin this year. It was a great opportunity to connect with friends and colleagues and to get caught up on the news around the world. There were presentations on the Federal health insurance programs, the American Overseas Schools Historical Society and a chance to re-connect with old friends and colleagues. Next year’s reunion will be in July, 2027, in Baltimore, Maryland. The website, with more information, will be updated soon (www.mydoddsreunion.com).

7. Summer Offerings for Retired Federal Employees. The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) is having their biennial conference in Indianapolis on August 23-25. NARFE offers numerous workshops on topics that benefit retirees in financial planning, political action, and networking with other nationwide organizations. For more information, visit: <https://fedcon.narfe.org/>



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