

NEA DIRECTOR NEWSLETTER

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It has been an honor to represent Nevada, advocating for our schools and students. Serving as your NEA Director in Washington, D.C., has been a privilege, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be your voice on the national stage. I have made strides in promoting policies that support educators, students, and public education as a whole. From advocating for equitable funding to championing professional development opportunities for educators, I have worked diligently to ensure that our voices are heard and our needs are addressed.



! WEP GPO MUST GO

I am proud to share a **MAJOR** victory: after more than 40 years, the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) have been repealed! This change ensures that educators and their spouses can finally receive the full Social Security benefits they have earned. This victory did not happen overnight. It is the result of decades of persistence from union members who refused to give up. This is the direct result of our **DUES DOLLARS at WORK!**



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ESP BILL OF RIGHTS

As your NEA Director, I represent Nevada on the NEA Board of Directors and bring back important items from our board meetings. NEA is building a movement and calling on education leaders and policymakers to commit to investing in ESPs, respecting their professional expertise, and recognizing their vital contributions to student learning and well-being. Pledge your support for NEA's ESP Bill of Rights and share this action with members: nea.org/espbillofrights



RESOURCES FOR YOU

- Civic education is essential to engage as members of society. Check out this [toolkit](#) for resources.
- Organizing [Year-Round Organizing Cards Conversation Guide](#)
- [Read Across America HOT Resources](#)

SEND ME AN EMAIL!



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PAC CAPTAIN

We need to elect champions who will fight for our neighborhood public schools. The NEA PAC is fueled by educators like you, coming together to fight for real leaders at the federal and state level, regardless of political party. One of the strongest ways that we can stand up for our schools, our professions, and our communities, is by contributing to the NEA Fund. I hope that you'll join me in supporting our PAC. Make your voice heard.



SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS

I am proud to share progress on the Secure Rural Schools Act, which provides critical funding for rural districts that rely on federal land revenue. This issue is especially important in Nevada, where a large portion of land is federally managed, making schools particularly dependent on this support. As the program faced expiration, NEA provided me the opportunity to urge Congress to extend this essential funding for our rural communities. We helped secure an extension that protects resources for students and educators across Nevada. **DUES DOLLARS at WORK!**

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