Let Our Voices Be Heard!

For too long educators have watched as others define who we are and what we do. Too many times our voices have not been heard or considered, as decisions were made that both influence and shape the future of our public schools and students in New Mexico. It is time that educators have a voice, a unified collective voice, that speaks to the basic truths we all believe in. It is through the amplification of your voice that NEA-NM continues to move forward in working to deliver an equitable and quality public education for all New Mexico students... Read more

NEA-NM Legislative Funding Targets
Sign Me Up!

Up to 50% of new teachers in New Mexico leave within the first 5 years of teaching according to the LANL Foundation. This coupled with ever-rising healthcare costs, less planning time and class sizes bursting at the seams is hurting our students.

New Mexico legislators are already working on developing public school budgets for the upcoming 2022 legislative session. Legislation can—and should—include NEA-NM priorities. We know educators across the state have taken a beating during the pandemic and education policy must include better pay, affordable healthcare for educators, manageable class sizes, time for planning and above the line funding for Community schools.

Join your fellow NEA-NM educators members across New Mexico and urge legislators to do the right thing. Sign-up to take action. Our kids can’t wait. We can’t wait. The time to act is NOW!

Take Action!

Lobby Day

For our members, Lobby Day is an annual opportunity for members and advocates to gather at the Roundhouse to meet with lawmakers and gain their vote in favor
of education policies that will deliver an equitable and quality public education that all students deserve. Lobby day is one of the most powerful tools in our advocacy arsenal.

Lobby days allows our members to get in front of and speak directly with lawmakers to share their personal stories. It helps put faces to the issues and gives us a collective voice in support of students, educators, parents, and our communities throughout New Mexico.

Our Lobby Day is like the Superbowl of our collective state-wide organizing efforts. And we can’t expect to win if we have a bad lobby day. For that reason, all the political advocacy that you as member of NEA-NM commit to leading up to Lobby Day starting Sunday, January 23rd to the 24th, will determine if we can accomplish the change we want to see for our public schools. And this year’s NEA-NM’s Lobby Day will feature as keynote speaker our NEA President and fierce leader, Becky Pringle. So make sure to sign-up for Lobby Day and continue advocating for our kids!

Exciting Opportunities for NEA Members Around the Corner!

- Tired of student loans holding you down from financial freedom? NEA Member Benefits has joined forces with the student loan experts at Savi to help you navigate the complexities of federal student loan programs such as Teacher Loan Forgiveness (TLF), Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF), Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) plans and more. The session will cover changes via the CARES Act, Repayment Plans & Public Service Loan Forgiveness, and getting started with the Savi Tool! This exciting event is on October 14th from 5pm to 6pm. Register

- Are you an early educator in your first five years? We want to support you during this exciting and challenging time. At this early career educator conference, you will have the chance to learn from expert teachers and professionals across the state in a virtual setting on Saturday, September 25th (10-2pm) or Saturday, November 13th (TBD). Register
• Do you know colleagues who have yet to join but can benefit from these opportunities? Help grow your union, it’s never been easier! Have them visit nea-nm.org or click here to JOIN NOW prompts. A $50/$25 Rebate has been extended through October 31st for first-time members!

2022 Elections

The NEA-New Mexico Elections Committee calls for nominations for offices to be elected in the 2022 All-Member Election. All online nomination forms must be received by the NEA-NM President by 5 PM, MT, Tuesday, October 20, 2021. The actual number of retired delegates and cluster delegates to be elected will be determined by the membership figures in each category as they exist on January 15, 2022. Student delegates to be elected will be determined by the membership figures in each category as they exist on March 15, 2022.

If you want to be nominated or want to nominate someone, visit the NEA-NM website, www.nea-nm.org, and click on the “NEA-New Mexico Call for Nominations” picture to access the complete 2022 NEA-NM Elections information: The Elections Calendar, Call for Nominations, and online nomination form.

All Educators, All Public Education Employees

“Educators have enough to worry about without having to stress about what’s happening in the oil and gas markets,” said Teacher Jennifer St. Clair, NEA-SF.

NEA-NM along with fifteen other education and child-welfare focused organizations
Recently signed an Open **Letter to the Governor and the New Mexico legislature**, an important move reported on by the **Santa Fe New Mexican** and the **Carlsbad Current-Argus**

"We don’t want to sound like ungrateful recipients of oil-and-gas revenues," said Mary Parr-Sánchez, president of NEA-New Mexico. "We're not ungrateful. It's just that we have to be smart about now and leaning forward in the future. We need to have a stable source of income for the public schools."

**Speak up now, please**, while there is still time for our state to weather the coming economic transition, and our students will have a healthy, clean world to thrive in too.

**Please use this form** to quickly add your name to the letter! Then, please pass it on to educator colleagues too!

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**Take Note Of..**

- Sept. 15 - Oct. 1: Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 20-23: [Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Conference](#)
- September 25: GRIT Training
- September 28: National Voter Registration Day

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