

MEA lobbies for you and your students

▶ What do I get for my MEA dues?

It's a question that members like you need answered. MEA is the strongest professional labor union for public school employees in Michigan. You need to know about the advantages of your membership. Here is some important information about services available through MEA. If you would like to know more about any of these services, start with your local association president or contact your local UniServ director.

Pro public education agenda.

Decisions about nearly every aspect of your work life are made by elected officials—from your local school board all the way to the White House. MEA helps you lobby—or professional lobbyists work on your behalf—to ensure that your interests are represented. Members contribute to MEA's Quality Education Agenda, which guides lobbying efforts at the state and federal levels. The agenda includes MEA positions on dozens of education issues—funding, early childhood, gifted and talented, reading initiatives, transportation, at-risk programs, privatization and more.

No vouchers.

MEA led the successful 2000 fight against vouchers that would have funneled millions of public school dollars to private schools. MEA continues to oppose voucher schemes.

“I was never one that closely followed politics, and then I started teaching. I came to realize how much politics impacts education. My union keeps me informed about the important issues, and I can advocate on behalf of educational needs.”

– Diane West, South Lake Schools teacher



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