



# The MEA Advantage:

# For Public Education

## MEA Lobbies For You and Your Students 2016-2017 Legislative Session

### Public Education

We are working to prevent legislation introduced last session that automatically holds back any third grader who fails a reading assessment. The bill doesn't provide any extra remediation for these students. A workgroup met and issued a recommendation in keeping with best practices about helping students with reading difficulties. We are now helping to draft a new bill that will incorporate the key components of the report, including remediation and funding to pay for the extra cost this kind of program requires.

### Your Rights

We are fighting legislation that would stop you from doing any union business during the school day. If passed, bargaining, grievances, and all union/management collaboration would have to be done after school.

### Your Wallet

This year we were able to get some substantial improvements in the School Aid Budget. While education is still being underfunded, we are making progress toward raising the foundation allotment while protecting school employee's retirement plan.

### Your Career

We are lobbying to improve the current evaluation system and limit the amount of student growth from state assessments that are a part of teacher's evaluations.

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