Get connected with @NJEA!

Have you engaged in important conversations with others around issues that matter to you on social media? If so, be sure to reach out to NJEA members from around New Jersey!

NJEA members use social media to magnify their voices and maximize their impact on educational issues in their communities. Social media offers the opportunity to share our opinions and experiences with likeminded individuals around us. Whether it’s posting a video to Facebook, tweeting an article to your legislators, or sharing a photo of your classroom on Instagram, you can make a difference. Harness the power of your union by working with fellow members in your community.

NJEA members are encouraged to follow NJEA’s official social media accounts to get up-to-the-minute information on events happening around the state. Be sure to follow our official social accounts:

- Facebook Page: New Jersey Education Association
- Twitter Username: @NJEA
- Instagram Username: @insta_njea
- Snapchat Username: TeamNJEA

If you or someone you know has content worth sharing, tag @NJEA or send NJEA direct messages on your preferred social platforms, and we will share your content with our followers.
Our goals:

- **Enhancing Public Education**—To promote and deliver quality professional development for educators. To advance and support policies that enhance and enrich public education.

- **Organizing**—To strengthen the association by maximizing membership, developing leadership, and supporting affiliates.

- **Member Advocacy**—To preserve and improve the economic interests, working conditions, job security, and pensions of all members.

How NJEA works with you:

Look at your workday and consider the role your local association has had—and continues to have—in protecting and maintaining your working conditions. NJEA and its members advocated for many of the rights you enjoy by statute and provides you with other benefits—including negotiating with you for a fair, high-quality contract.

Without NJEA and its local affiliates, employees are left with only what is provided by statute. The rest of the terms and conditions of employment are then left to the board of education, and the employee must stand alone, without the protections of NJEA membership.

**NJEA knows that you are important**

All members—even nontenured members—have a full membership in the NJEA. You are as much a member of this association as a local association building rep or even a local association president. You are important. Your local association, your county association, and NJEA work best when members step up and get involved.

Get involved.

There are many ways to get involved in your local association. You don’t have to be the person out front who speaks at board of education meetings, takes the microphone at rallies, or collaborates directly with the superintendent. Generally speaking, those are the jobs of a local association president.

It can be a challenge for early career members to find entry points to getting involved in their local associations, but even volunteering just one hour a year with your local association is time well spent. Reach out to your building representative or local association president to ask about how you can volunteer your time to build strength within your association.

There are also avenues of involvement open on the state level with NJEA’s early career member network. Events are hosted by members, for members, across the state. Learn about the early career network by visiting njea.org/earlycareermembers, where you will find:

- Access to special members-only events.
- Resources, including those related to student loan debt and saving for retirement.
- Access to the blog to see what early career members are up to across the state!

Remember that every member has a place in his or her local association. You are part of NJEA, a 200,000-member organization that makes an important difference in the lives of 1.35 million students every day. The more you advocate for yourself and your students, the more of a difference you can make.