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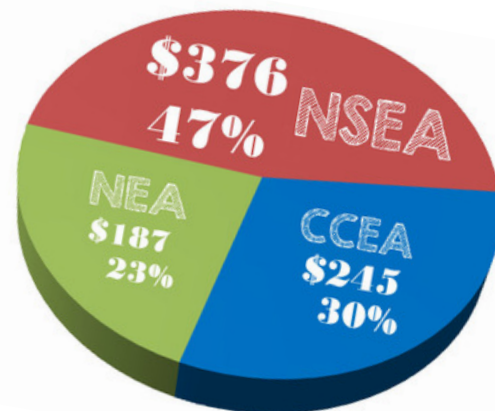


## DID YOU KNOW?

CCEA makes advances for members and public education and also protects our accomplishments. However, of the \$808 CCEA members pay a year, 47% goes to our state organization, NSEA.

Nearly 50% of all members participated in the recent survey that focused on the reorganization and dues. Of them, an overwhelming 83% of participants agreed with CCEA's Executive Board's position that a greater portion of NSEA dues collected from CCEA members should stay with CCEA to serve CCEA members.

The District has shown us their unwillingness to support educators. We have some serious issues like healthcare and our contract to tackle in addition to ensuring good laws are passed to protect educators. This takes resources we can no longer afford to use to supplement NSEA's budget.



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**•Evaluation Bill:** The Senate Education Committee passed Speaker Frierson and CCEA's AB320 yesterday. The bill now goes to the Senate floor for a vote and then head to the Governor for signature. With state testing data removed from evaluations, this bill will be a huge victory for educators.

**•Weighted Funding Formula:** CCEA's number one legislative priority passed with bi-partisan support out of the Senate Education Committee yesterday. SB178 will bring more resources to Clark County, up to \$120 million, to help low proficient students with the greatest need. Specifically, the bill will provide \$1,200 additional dollars for English Language Learners and Free and Reduced Lunch qualified students who are in the bottom 25% of achievement. It is widely recognized in the Legislature and with the Governor that CCEA led on this effort.

**•Dedicated Funding:** The Senate Majority Leader, Aaron Ford, will introduce a bill next week to finally make sure that educators who invest time and resources to better their practice, receive salary compensation advancements and are treated as professionals and not denied by local school boards.

With all of our legislative efforts, over 4000 educators joined in contacting Legislators around these issues.

## NEGOTIATIONS

**THT:** Educators took to the street and rallied against CCSD's refusal to negotiate on health insurance. Several educators also made heartfelt statements directly to the Trustees. Join us next week for another Healthcare Rally before the Board of Trustees' regularly scheduled meeting, on Thursday, May 25th, 2017 at 3:30 pm, in front of the Greer Education Center.

**• Arbitration:** CCSD has refused to acknowledge the hard work and value of educators. After proposing freezes in pay cuts and health care, the District has declared impasse in negotiations. The terms of our contract once again will be determined by an arbitrator. Stay tuned for more details.