Idaho Teachers Agree: NWPE Strengthens Classroom Professionals

I believe in having a choice in how I protect my career. I joined NWPE because of liability protection, but also because it is a true professional organization bringing many different views to the multitude of issues that confront educators. I like that I am not told what to think, but I am asked what I think. I appreciate that NWPE does not take positions on issues unless their membership votes pro or con by a supermajority. This makes NWPE more about quality in teaching and what is best for children than about politics.

—Colleen Thomson, Director of Instruction
North Idaho STEM Charter Academy

Belonging to NWPE gives me an affordable insurance plan without beholding me to negotiations that would force me to strike or to cross a picket line. NWPE offers grants, legal support and professional connections. NWPE is perfect for me.

—Geri Hagler, Teacher
Coeur d’Alene Charter Academy

I joined NWPE because student learning and teacher professionalism guide NWPE’s work. In addition to promoting collaboration and excellence, NWPE’s member benefits, support, and services are plentiful and affordable. NWPE utilizes a positive, caring, and fresh approach in advocating for quality educational experiences for students and educators. I also appreciate that positions on important education issues are member-driven and are shared at state and national levels without a partisan agenda.

—Shawna Exline,
West Ada Teacher of the Year 2016

NWPE is exactly right for me. I was a teacher educator for over 20 years and recently returned part-time to the 9-12 classroom. I want an organization that represents me as educator—not one that treats me as a worker.

—Dr. Martin L. Kokol, Teton High School

NWPE does not force an agenda on its members or get involved in tangential politics or negotiations. But, we do have a voice on state level education committees and with policy makers. I appreciate that NWPE asks educators for their views and for the opportunities and resources it provides me to make a difference in my classroom and our profession. NWPE’s professional protection and career support also give me peace of mind.

—Kim Zeydel, Idaho Teacher of the Year 2016,
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NWPE is a true professional organization. NWPE focuses on making teaching a better profession—not on political issues. My wife and I get great coverage and kind, caring support at an affordable price. We appreciate NWPE’s vision of making the teaching profession student-oriented, well-respected, and personally fulfilling. I love that I have a choice!

—Chad Booth, Coeur d’Alene Middle School
Teacher of the Year 2014–2015