Top Reasons Educators Join Northwest Professional Educators

A Professional Alternative to the Washington Education Association

PROFESSIONALISM

• NWPE is not a labor union. As a professional association, NWPE focuses on helping classroom professionals get the respect, recognition, and rewards they deserve.
• NWPE is nonpartisan. NWPE neither endorses candidates nor tells members how to vote. NWPE does not donate dues to political organizations or advocate for noneducation issues. NEA is currently tracked as the nation’s 4th largest contributor to super PACs.
• NWPE does not negotiate but does support teachers’ collective bargaining rights and can provide resources and assistance to aid “local only” teacher associations which are not bound to the cost, agendas, and tactics of the state and national unions.

CAREER PROTECTION

• Making a false accusation go away could cost several thousand dollars in attorney fees and out of pocket expenses beyond the coverage provided by district, union or homeowner’s policies. Even if 100% innocent of unfounded charges, it could cost thousands of dollars to save one’s professional reputation, let alone job! NWPE provides $2 million liability insurance — twice that of the teachers union.
• Unlike the teachers union, NWPE guarantees legal services for teachers, including those without tenure, for employment rights issues, e.g., evaluations, RIFs, suspensions, terminations, transfers.
• NWPE members have immediate access to an attorney specializing in education and employment law for troubleshooting and workplace advice at no extra cost. Members are not required to go through another teacher or committee before getting legal assistance.

SAVINGS

• NWPE’s liability policy lasts for a full year from the day one joins. NWPE membership costs $600-$700 less than the teachers union for twice the career protection and legal services. NWPE can help teachers with compulsory union dues exercise their rights to opt out of union membership and dues.

CLASSROOM GRANTS, TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS & CARING SUPPORT

• NWPE membership gives you a preferential rating on NWPE’s $250 New Classroom Start Up Grants and $500 Classroom Grants and Teacher Scholarships. NWPE members receive newsletters, grant and scholarship opportunities, and an active social media community focused on the latest educational news, policy, and classroom resources.

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