



2009 NDEA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

As approved by the NDEA Representative Assembly



QUALITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ENHANCE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The North Dakota Education Association advocates for quality public schools to enhance student achievement. Therefore, NDEA supports legislation that will...

Ensure quality public education for students.

- Provide adequate and equitable funding for schools to offer a diverse and challenging curriculum and the services that will prepare students for global opportunities.
- Invest in public education as economic development.
- Oppose diverting public money for the support of non-public schools.

Improve and enhance student learning.

- Provide fully-prepared, licensed teachers for all students.
- Provide mentoring programs for teachers that will heighten their expertise and confidence earlier in their careers.
- Provide time and resources for education employees to participate in quality professional development designed to impact instruction and learning.
- Align student testing to state content standards and use the best testing methods to improve the quality of education and instruction for students.
- Provide modern, safe buildings and facilities for all students so they can concentrate on learning.
- Provide students and school employees with nutrition and wellness programs that encourage healthful living and a healthful attitude for learning.
- Support programs or initiatives for school readiness.

Recruit and retain education employees.

- Maintain and enhance dedicated funding for significant salary increases.
- Maintain high standards for licensure and credentials.
- Fund mentoring programs.
- Provide bargaining and employment rights for all education employees.
- Expand the bargaining rights for licensed education employees.
- Support compensation systems that are fair, equitable, and sustainable.

Provide retirement benefits for present and future retirees.

- Protect and improve the retirement funds.
- Maintain sound investment practices.