

Every child deserves a good education and every teacher deserves the support to make that happen



By sticking together, we can make both a reality.

The teachers, education support professionals, higher education staff, students and retirees who make up the IEA form a massive and powerful alliance of professionals with one common goal: to provide the best education possible to all Illinois students.

Government Relations

The voice of 135,000 IEA members rings clear in the halls of the Illinois State Capitol, where major decisions affecting your profession are made.



Policymakers play a key role in deciding school employees' salaries, health benefits and working conditions, as well as the amount of money allocated to public schools, colleges and universities. IEA's Government Relations team works closely with state legislators, the executive branch, Illinois State Board of Education and other education advocacy organizations to influence public policy on behalf of IEA members and the students they serve.

Public education is not a Republican or Democrat issue; it's *our* issue. We believe that having relationships on both sides of the political aisle and working through differences gives us the best chance to have your concerns heard by legislators.

IEA's legislative and political efforts give you a voice in determining what your school looks like and what public education in Illinois looks like. After all, you know your students best.

Illinois Political Action Committee for Education (IPACE)

IEA's political action committee – IPACE – ensures that when education issues are discussed at the state or local level, the voices of IEA members are heard and taken seriously.

IPACE works to elect friends of public education at all levels of government. IPACE supports an “education party” because both Democrat and Republican candidates support public education issues.



Local IEA members recommend the state and local candidates who share IEA's vision for public education.

For more information on IEA's legislative and political work, visit the political action tab at www.ieanea.org.

