

# Ohio's NEA Directors' Newsletter

## February 2024

### **February Super Week 2/8/24 - 2/10/24**

Your NEA Directors were in Washington, D.C., for Super Week at the beginning of February. We were on The Hill Thursday, February 8, to talk with Ohio's Senators and Representatives to reauthorize the Rural School Act which gives federal funds to areas with a national forest nearby. Ohio has two national forests occupying about 300,000 acres, Cuyahoga Valley National Forest in northeast Ohio and Wayne National Forest in southeast Ohio. These areas receive these funds because you can't build and collect property taxes on that land. We also spoke to our representatives about supporting the ESP Bill of Rights which

### **Meeting Observations and Special Guests**

On Friday, as part of the Women's Observance, we were fortunate to hear from Nichole Austin-Hillary, President & CEO of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. She challenged us to use our power as educators to uplift and change lives. Hakeem Jefferies, House Minority Leader, encouraged to keep fighting for public schools. Rashad Robinson, President, Color of Change, spoke to us during our Black Observance. Mr. Robinson reminded us that when oppressed people win, we all win. NEA will be in partnership with Color of Change to promote, protect, and strengthen public education.

### **2023 NEA RA New Business Item Update**

Educators' voices from across the U.S. and the world were spotlighted at this summer's Representative Assembly. The impact of their voices was seen at the NEA Board of Directors meeting when the body voted to move \$1,242,290 from the contingency fund to implement the New Business Items passed at the 2023 NEA RA by delegates. This leaves \$1,257,710 in the contingency fund. See the preliminary NBI report and contingency fund update below for more information.

[NBI Update](#)

## **Campaign to Promote, Protect, and Strengthen Public Education**

NEA wants to hear from you. You are the trusted experts in every space, community, and geography. As leaders, you have been the heart of this movement for decades and advocated for your students. To help build a lasting coalition and alignment, NEA requests an update on where you see this work happening at the state and local levels to promote, protect, and strengthen public education. Follow the link below to tell your story.

[Promote, Protect, and Strengthen Public Education](#)

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