August 23, 2021

Welcome to Auburn School District!

The 1,100+ teachers of Auburn invite you to join us in the Auburn Education Association (AEA), the Puget Sound Uniserv Council (PSUC), the Washington Education Association (WEA) and the National Education Association (NEA).

As a member of the AEA, you are part of a national network of professional educators who advocate for our profession every single day. The excellence of our organization and the quality of public education in Auburn depends on the active involvement of us all.

The collective bargaining agreement between Auburn School District (ASD) and the AEA has long been one of the best contracts in our region and we are bargaining right now for the 2021-2022 school year. Please fill out your WEA membership form **today** to become a member of our incredible union family!

Here's how to join AEA/WEA/NEA: <a href="https://www.washingtonea.org/eJoin/">https://www.washingtonea.org/eJoin/</a>

<u>Your monthly dues</u> for **full-time staff** includes being a member of the following organizations within our union:

- Auburn Education Association (local union)
- Puget Sound Uniserv Council (region union)
- Washington Education Association (state union) & WEA Community outreach
- National Education Association (national union)

(part time employees pay pro-rated dues)

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<u>Total dues per month for full-time staff:</u>

NEA-FCPE (\$1.00 month)

Optional dues:

\$ 114.88

\*NEA-FCPE (National Education Association Fund for Children and Public Education)-national political action including state congressional elections

WEA-PAC (\$2.25/\$5.00/\$10.00 month)

\*\* WEA-PAC (Washington Education Association Political Acton Committee) –state political action committee endorsing PRO EDUCATION candidates regardless of party affiliation

NEAFCPE and WEA-PAC memberships are critical to our collective voice in supporting pro educational candidates at the local, state, and national levels. The **optional political contributions** are used to help elect pro-education candidates for school board, state legislative and national Congressional and Executive Branch offices. Since NEA-FCPE and WEA-PAC funds may be used for direct contributions to candidate campaigns, these money form a separate voluntary –but integral-part of the dues structure. Sign up to join NEA-FCPE and WEA-PAC

here: join Wea-Pac

For information about membership, contracts, or employment concerns, you can contact:

<u>AEA Building Representatives</u>: Each building elects at least one representative to the AEA Rep Council. They will be very helpful and glad to answer questions. A full list of reps at each school will be sent to each member soon.

**AEA Executive Board:** listed on the AEA website <u>auburnea.org</u>

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**PSUC Representative:** Debbie Bickert 253-852-2002 (PSUC office)

I will be happy to talk with you at any time. Call me via my cell or call the office and leave a message. You can also email me anytime! My goal is to return each call or email within 24-48 hours.

There are many opportunities for you to become actively involved in the Association: building level projects, social events, member awareness, professional development, and special issues committees. Please join us!

In Solidarity,

Elaine Hogg

**AEA President**