



Region B News



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Arizona Education Association

End of Year

As you prepare for a restful yet exhilarating summer, AEA is gearing up for a productive and exciting 2013-14 school year.

Our association is busy planning valuable opportunities for our members. They include informative professional development relevant to today's issues, leadership training, classroom management and much more.

New Employee Events 2013-14

We're hoping you are planning for an exciting new year. We look forward to assisting you.

Be in the **KNOW** ! Check out our websites, **NEA - News:** <http://www.nea.org/>

AEA News: <http://www.arizonaaea.org/>

Local Associations Standing Together

Apache Junction EA	Higley EA	Scottsdale SPA
Chandler EA	Kyrene EA	Superior EA
Combs EA	Kyrene ESP	Tempe Classified Assoc.
ESP of Chandler	Mesa EA	Tempe Elem EA
EVIT EA	Mesa SPA	Tempe Secondary EA
Florence EA	Miami Area EA	
Fountain Hills EA	Queen Creek	
Gilbert EA	Ray EA	
Hayden-Winkelman EA	San Carlos EA	
	Scottsdale EA	



Calendar of Events

2013-14 Local Leader Cluster

Meetings Dates

Mesa Local Office from
5:30-7:30

Tentative Dates

- 8/ 26/2013
- 9/30/2013
- 10/28/2013
- 11/25/2013
- 01/27/2014
- 02/24/2014
- 03/31/2014
- 4/28/2014

Issues and Actions

Senate Passes State Budget

Last night the Senate passed a state budget proposal that increases funding for the public education budget for the first time since 2008. [Read AEA's summary of the budget.](#)

The original budget introduced in the Senate included a provision that would have permanently cut nearly \$240 million annually from our schools. [Read about AEA's summary of the original budget proposal.](#) [Read news article about original budget proposal.](#)

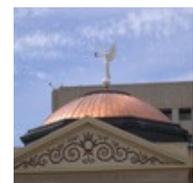
AEA was successful in amending this devastating cut out of the budget with the help of all 13 democrats and 3 republican senators. This is a major victory for Arizona's public school students and schools! [Read about amendments.](#)

In addition, the budget includes the inflation increase of \$90 million. This action is due to AEA's victory in the Arizona Court of Appeals, challenging the legislature's refusal to fully fund the inflation factor for the past four legislative sessions.

An adopted amendment keeps local flexibility in use of the inflation funding.

Yesterday was a day for the history books. A very special thank you is due to all 13 of the Senate Democrats—Senators Ed Ableser, David Bradley, Olivia Cajero Bedford, Steve Farley, Steve Gallardo, Katie Hobbs, Jack Jackson Jr., Leah Landrum Taylor, Linda Lopez, Barbara McGuire, Robert Meza, Lynne Pancrazi, and Anna Tovar—as well as Republican Senators Rich Crandall, Steve Pierce, and Bob Worsley. It was the block of these 16 courageous Senators that allowed pro-education amendments to get adopted to the budget bills when fierce debate and political pressure was occurring on the floor of the Senate yesterday afternoon. [Please take a moment to give your thanks to these senators for standing for our students and schools.](#)

today is a day to celebrate. Not only is this a huge win for our students and for those who support public education, but it's also a huge win for you, as an AEA member. Your dedication to your students, colleagues, profession made this happen. AEA is your voice for quality public education and yesterday it roared! AEA members and their time, effort, and collective action made it possible for us to pursue a lawsuit challenging the legislature's action, to elect more pro-public education legislators, to lobby at the capitol and fight for great public schools.



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The fight is not over as the budget now moves over to the House. We will keep you updated as the budget battle progresses, but

AEA News

NBC Education Nation Comes to Phoenix

Education Nation is NBC News' year-round initiative to engage the country in a solutions-focused conversation about the state of education in America. At the beginning of May, the Education Nation tour stopped in Phoenix. NBC's Chief White House Correspondent Chuck Todd hosted a panel discussing K-12 education at the Education Summit on May 3. [View video](#) of the panel, including AEA Vice President Joe Thomas. On May 4, NBC's Chief Education Correspondent Rehema Ellis hosted the Phoenix Teacher Town Hall. [View video](#) of the town hall, including panelists and AEA members Nancie Lindblom, Daniela Robles, and Cheryl Redfield.



Membership

Interested in becoming a member of your local association? Here are several ways to sign up: [download an application](#), [sign up online through the NEA website](#), contact your site representative, or your local leader or contact AEA at 602-264-1774 or 800-352-5411.

For more information on the dues structure, please contact your local association or Tamara Avant- Field Associate for your region at 602-264-1774 x186.

A Reason to be a Member

The AEA is your voice for quality public education in Arizona. AEA is the most effective advocate for those who work and learn in our public schools, and with nearly 20,000 members, the Association is the largest representative of public school employees in the state.

Click here: [10 reasons you should join the AEA](#) or ask someone to join.

NEA News

Exposing ALEC's Agenda to Defund and Dismantle Public Education

Read and share NEA President Dennis Van Roekel's [HuffPost blog](#) on ALEC's agenda to defund and dismantle public education. "A simple fact of business: You have to spend money to make money," says Van Roekel. "And those who want to privatize education are willing to spend lots of money and effort to push their agenda. One of the main ways they are doing this is through ALEC."

eSWAG 30 and Under

eSWAG is having a **donation drive** taking place everyday through June 30, 2013 **"Equipping the Next Generation of Teachers"**

While cleaning out your classroom "Donate Your Extra Supplies & Materials " Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Dropt off: 345 E Palm Phoenix, AZ or contact us at AEAeSWAG@gmail.com

Help support new teachers!
<http://www.arizonaaea.org/eswag>

Benefits for Members

Attorney Referral (Personal); 1MM Liability coverage; Advocacy; Click & Save (dining, department stores, travel, coupons, discount on medical items, car rental, credit cards, health insurance, computers, cell phones, mortgage loans, personal loans etc.) Need more information, please log in to www.arizonaaea.org and go to Members Only to register or call your AEA office at 602-264-1774 or call Tamara Avant for a copy of AEA/NEA Benefits at ext.186. If you are registered at www.arizonaaea.org

[Advocacy Help Desk](#)
[Online or call toll-free 877-828-1983](#)

NEA Click & Save "Buy-lights" for June 2013

NEA Click & Save, the online discount buying service for NEA members, highlights select retailers and merchants each month. Check out these featured "Buy-lights" for June!

- Lowe's: Free 1 to 3-day shipping on qualifying orders of \$49 or more, or choose free in-store pick-up at your local Lowe's store

Tamara's Corner

HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE SUMMER
and

WATCH YOUR KIDS AROUND WATER!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PxJZLAacUOY>



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- Reebok: Get 20% off plus free shipping & free returns (some exclusions apply)
- Omaha Steaks: Get 10% off and free shipping on orders of \$89 or more
- 3balls.com: Free shipping on orders of \$49 or more
- SportsMemorabilia.com: Save 10% on orders over \$100

Join the 291,500 NEA members already registered for NEA Click & Save. Go to www.neamb.com/clickandsave and start shopping today!

Celebrate Father's Day!

Save up to \$25 on a Weekly/Weekend Rental with Hertz! when you include PC# 113761 in your reservation of ANY CAR CLASS on your next Weekly or Weekend rental at the Airport or in your Neighborhood. This offer is valid for vehicle pick-up through December 31, 2013. Combine this special offer with your NEA member discount (code CDP# 50655) for additional savings!

