



## **10 Reasons To Join The Wyoming Education Association**

**Promoting Educational Excellence** - WEA has emerged as the state leader in creating a vision for the future of education: a vision where schools are the center of the community and where educators and other school employees have all the support and resources they need. The Association is keeping the promise of quality public education.

**Providing Professional Opportunities** - WEA offers an outstanding array of seminars that will assist you in your professional development. Contact your region UniServ office for more details.

**Keeping You In Touch** - The Association is there when you can't be, monitoring and working with the Wyoming Department of Education, the State Board of Education, the Professional Teaching Standards Board and other agencies which set the rules and regulations that affect you and your students. Together, the voices of nearly 6,000 WEA member are heard. In addition, we keep you informed on the latest education news and professional developments through a vast array of publications, videos, special seminars, and mailings.

**Reaching Out to the Public** - WEA knows how important it is to bring education's message before the community and business and political leaders. That's why we provide a number of means for members to reach out to and gain the much-needed support of their communities.

**Influencing Legislation** - It's a fact of life that every decision that affects education is a political decision. That's why WEA has a comprehensive program to help elect friends of education to public office at all levels. But our involvement doesn't stop there. WEA has gained the reputation as one of the state's most influential lobbying groups, as our lobby team and active members fight for more school funding and for legislation which is good for kids.

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**Giving You Freedom** - Your membership in the Association gives you a process and a structure for dealing with the multitude of problems and concerns that can rob you of the precious time you need to do your work. Through negotiated grievance procedures, through the negotiations process, or simply having Association representatives talk informally with school administrators, we give you the support and freedom you need to be your best.

**Protecting Your Rights** - Sometimes even the best educators are threatened with the loss of their jobs or a violation of their hard-earned rights. WEA employs staff members to help you with grievances and job security. The Association also retains the services of a highly qualified attorney. In addition, every Association member is covered by the \$1 million Educators Employment Liability Insurance policy.

**Making Your Salary Competitive** - Although nobody expects to get rich working in education, you do expect to get paid at least the going rate for the important work you do. Thanks to the WEA and to revisions in the school funding formula, additional money has been generated to help raise salaries in the state.

**Member Benefits/Access Is Saving You Money** - Membership in the Association entitles you to take advantage of a number of low-cost group rates on insurance programs and discounts on a number of goods and services. Plus, you get free life insurance through the NEA Complimentary Life Insurance program. In fact, you can often save more than your initial dues investment simply by taking advantage of only a few of these Member Benefits.

**Listening To You** - Your Association isn't just a building in Cheyenne or Washington, DC. It's the people like you who have banded together to make education the best it can be. And our members set the Association's programs and policies by electing delegates to the annual meeting and by electing local, state, and national leaders. There is no more democratic organization anywhere!

