

“Measure Up” Issue

Our Association’s commitment to children and quality public education requires that we advocate for the issues that have a positive impact on children, public schools, and education employees. Before we recommend any candidate for office, we make sure the candidate “measures up” on the issues we care about the most.

In order to participate in the CEA-NEA candidate recommendation process, a candidate must complete a written questionnaire about these “Measure Up” issues and submit to a face-to-face interview with Association leaders.

These issues have been tested with Association members across the U.S. through polling and focus groups. They are the issues that members say matter the most to them – and the ones on which they want our recommended candidates to “measure up”.

Strengthening Public Education

Our Association supports increased funding for all levels of public education, preschool through higher education. Our goals include the continual increase of K-12 school funding through Amendment 23, as well as modifications of TABOR and other revenue growth and spending restrictions. We support the state assuming a role in school building modernization and the construction of new schools. We oppose efforts to weaken public education through vouchers, private school tax credits, and the privatization of school services.

Ensuring Children’s Health & Safety

Our Association advocates for local, state and federal programs that assist families in raising healthy children. We support efforts to make student’s learning environment safer. We believe that schools should be sufficiently well funded to add school nurses and counselors to assist other educators in providing a safe, healthy learning environment.

Maximizing Student Learning

Our Association supports measures that create an optimal teaching-learning environment for all students. We advocate for funding programs that reduce class size, increase student achievement, and help prepare students for future schooling and jobs. We support a statewide system of standards and assessments. We are committed to ensuring that there is a qualified, licensed teacher in every classroom.

Respecting School Employees

Our Association advocates for increased salaries, benefits, and working conditions for all education employees, K-12 through higher education. We support high quality professional development for all education employees. We advocate for basic rights in collective bargaining and due process (in state law) for all education employees. We oppose restrictions on employees’ payment of professional dues through payroll deduction.