



Backing PAC

Tips the Balance

To Friends of Public Schools

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What has political action accomplished? (A partial list.)

- Greater Funding:**
- * School employee salaries increased *10 times faster* after our PACs were formed.
 - * The legislature passed the largest school funding increases since 1999, increasing remediation 86% and English language learner funds by 10 times; increasing funds for full-day kindergarten, Project Prime-time, free textbooks, special ed. and gifted & talented programs.
- New Protections:**
- * Sympathetic legislators PASSED rights of non-medical school staff to *decline to perform* therapeutic or sanitary procedures on students, motivating some schools to hire needed medical personnel;
 - * *Eliminated* the retiree earnings caps to solve the teacher shortage while helping retirees;
 - * *Prevented* staff evaluations & pay based on student I-STEP scores;
 - * *Prevented* funding virtual charter schools with significant accountability loopholes.

Future Needs: Electing those who'll vote to fund high standards, competitive salaries & benefits, & reduce red tape.

How much should I give to Options Guaranteed & NEA Fund? How are PAC funds used?

\$ 2 per month.....to State and Local PACs (Options Guaranteed).

\$ 1.25 per month.....to the NEA Fund for Children & Public Education (formerly NEA-PAC).

Options Guaranteed Budget (local & state PACs)

0% to federal candidates

- 80% local state legislative candidates
- 10% school board candidates
- 10% non-federal statewide candidates; political state conventions' delegate fees of ISTA members, state parties & caucus events, scientific campaign tools.

NEA Fund Budget (federal PAC)

0% to Presidential Candidates

- 73% to Congressional candidates; independent expenditures; national parties' & caucus expenditures.
- 27% members' nat'l political convention delegate expenses; state parties; scientific tools.

Options Guaranteed giving is on your membership form. For NEA fund, please ask your Association Representative for a separate NEA Fund contribution form. Historically, Indiana receives **\$2 back for each NEA Fund dollar raised.**

How are decisions made on who receives campaign funds?

PAC rules mandate *bi-partisan* PAC membership which reviews candidate records and views and decides recommendations. A majority of local and state (and national PAC where applicable) PAC members must concur or there's no recommendation.

Can I OPT OUT of Options Guaranteed Giving?

Yes. Ask your Membership Chairperson or Local President for a pre-printed waiver prior to local payroll deduction deadline. Sign and return the form to them before the deadline; **OR**
Send a written refund request by 11-1-07 or within 60 days of becoming a member (whichever comes later) to:
ISTA UniServ Office, 442 North Calumet, Suite 100, Chesterton, IN 46304. Please include your social security number, local association name, and print your name and address to assist accuracy.

So Why Give?

PAC giving is an investment to elect friends of public education to strengthen and protect public schools and school employees.

Contributions to local and state PACs and/or to the NEA Fund are voluntary, are not a condition of membership, and are not a condition to receive membership services or benefits.