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1. Successor FEA-Retired Delegate and Representative. To focus on his appointment as a Retired representative to the NEA Board of Directors, Michael Priser has resigned from the remainder of his term as 2023 FEA Retired delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly (NEA RA) and Retired observer to the FEA Board of Directors. The 2023 successor delegate. Ingrid Ahlberg, will complete the remainder of his term. Information was mailed to FEA Retired members last week about making nominations for the delegate position that will represent FEA Retired members at the 2024 NEA RA in Philadelphia. Please watch for that information and submit nominations by the February 29 deadline. FEA Retired members can also download the nomination form at (https://www.feaonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Retired-Delnomination-announcement-Jan-2024.pdf) and send it in to the email address provided on the form by the February 29 deadline. Only FEA Retired members may make nominations or be candidates for the Retired RA Delegate position.

## 2. The Fund for Children and Public Education protects our entitlements.

This year, 2024 will be an exceptionally important election year. Whether we like it or not, money plays an important role in our current elections. Please consider donating to the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education. The NEA Fund supports candidates (regardless of their party affiliation) who support public education and public employees. As Federal employees and retirees, it is important that we have elected leaders who will safeguard public education in our country as well as supporting Social Security, our Federal pensions, and other issues that impact our retirement. Even a small donation will help! Please don't

wait...go to <a href="https://educationvotes.nea.org/donate/">https://educationvotes.nea.org/donate/</a> today to make a difference.

- **3. NEA-Retired Spring Conference starts March 3 in Chicago.** The NEA-R Spring Conference will be March 3-5, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago. NEA-R will offer a number of workshops for NEA-R members including programs on racial and social justice, becoming more involved in your retired association and tool for organizing. Registration is only \$120, and is now open through February 10, 2024. For more information on the conference, the agenda, and how to register visit: <a href="www.nea.org/retired">www.nea.org/retired</a>
- **4. Tax Time is Just Around the Corner.** As we get busy collecting our paperwork for filing our taxes, don't forget NEA Member Benefits (<a href="http://neamb.com">http://neamb.com</a>) has a number of publications on tax preparation for retirees. Some of the topics are:
  - Tax Planning for Retirement
  - Tax Breaks for Generous Grandparents
  - Smart Tax Strategies That Can Stretch Your Retirement Savings
  - Which Tax Prep Programs Are Right for You.

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