

## WHAT IS THE ASSOCIATION?

### It's YOU!

- Know your rights and responsibilities.
- Become familiar with your contract.
- Participate in association professional development.
- Ask questions and share your ideas.
- Ask for support in your concerns & issues

**You are your best advocate.  
Be informed & active!**

### It's YOUR local association: **Lake Washington Education Association (LWEA)**

2,000 members strong, providing building & district representation, contract maintenance, providing professional classes, and advocate for fair treatment of all members. [lakewashingtonea.org](http://lakewashingtonea.org)

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### It's YOUR state association: **Washington Education Association (WEA)**

Statewide representative of 85,000 K-12 and college professionals, Washington's largest public employee labor organization. WEA's mission is "to make public education the best it can be for students, staff, and communities." [washingtonea.org](http://washingtonea.org) or 800.622.3393

**President – Kim Mead  
Vice President – Stephen Miller**

### It's YOUR national association: **National Education Association (NEA)**

Founded in 1857, the NEA is the nation's oldest and largest organization committed to advancing public education. NEA represents 3 million members that work in every facet of education, has affiliates in every state, and 14,000+ local affiliates. NEA promotes public education issues and provides support and benefits to its members. [nea.org](http://nea.org)

**President – Lily Eskelsen  
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