

**Report of the NSEA Government Relations Committee  
For Delegate Assembly  
Tiffany Heese, Winnebago, Chair**

The NSEA Government Relations Committee and NSEA's Government Relations staff has held regular WebEx meetings and have been actively monitoring public education issues and talking with senators about bills that would affect children, teachers and school districts.

In preparation for the 2014 elections, the committee has reviewed questionnaires in the Governor, Legislature, State Board of Education and Regents races. The committee will interview the gubernatorial candidates on March 22.

Nearly all 49 legislative districts are represented on the committee. Many of these representatives are serving as legislative interview committee chairs. This is a great "bridge" into communicating with elected officials.

Make a difference by being a part of this active and effective group of education advocates who, with the expert assistance of NSEA's Jason Hayes, Karen Kilgarin, Brian Mikkelsen and Cathy Schapmann, work to inform and educate policymakers about issues affecting Nebraska students, public schools and public school employees.

If you do not receive the Legislative Update, please contact Cathy Schapmann at NSEA Headquarters ([cathy.schapmann@nsea.org](mailto:cathy.schapmann@nsea.org)) to have your name added to the e-mail list. The valuable information you receive will keep you informed about education-related issues before the Legislature.

Almost every education decision is a political decision – and that is why it is vital that teachers stay active in the political process.