

Report of the NEA Resolutions Committee
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A Resolution is a statement of belief. The group of approximately 160 Active, Retired and Student members on the NEA Resolutions Committee from around the country has the core responsibility to maintain the NEA Resolutions document, which is adopted annually by the NEA Representative Assembly.

The document is comprised of some 58,000 words arranged among 368 individual resolutions into various “goal areas” as stated by the Preamble of the NEA Constitution. Collectively, NEA Resolutions represent our national organizational belief statements that address issues affecting our professions, our students, and schools.

Jared Wagenknecht and Edward T. Ventura Jr. are your NEA Resolution Committee members. They were elected by your state delegation at the 2018 NEA Representative Assembly. Retired educator John Heineman was elected by Nebraska’s retired members. Much of the committee’s work on proposed resolutions or complex amendments to existing resolutions is conducted via small group discussion through the establishment of internal subcommittees. Ventura is serving on the Citizenship and Rights. Wagenknecht will serve on the Curriculum and Learning for the NEA Resolution internal subcommittee. Heineman is serving on the Employee Protection/Retirement internal subcommittee.

Your Nebraska Resolution Committee attended the NEA virtual Winter Meeting on March 7 and 9. We will meet again during the Representative Assembly in Houston, TX, to finalize any resolutions and prepare our committee’s final report to the Assembly.

NEA resolutions we acted on:

- I-27: Immigration.
- B-26: Education of Refugee and Undocumented Children and Children of Undocumented Immigrants.
- B-31: Educational Programs in Support of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Students.
- I-35: Human Trafficking.
- New C: Opioid Addiction and Abuse.
- I-52: Hate-Motivated Violence.
- C-38: School Facilities: Design, Construction, and Function.

- B-31: Educational Programs in Support of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Students.
- I-41: Protection of People Living with Human Immunodeficiency Syndrome/AIDS and Hepatitis.
- New C: Safe Schools and Communities.
- B-75: Technology in the Education.
- I-22: Freedom of Religion.
- C-13. Safe Schools and Communities.
- I-32. Gun-Free Schools and the Regulation of Deadly Weapons.
- New Resolution: Viable Fundraising.