

Together. A Stronger Voice.



2026 – 2027

First Name: **Middle Initial:** **Last Name:**

Birth Date: **Personal Email:** **Cell Phone*:**

Home Address: **City:** **State/ZIP:**

Employee ID No: **Local Union:**

Position: **Hours:** ☐ Full-Time ☐ Part-Time **Worksite:**

* By providing my cell phone number, I understand that the National Education Association and its affiliates, including NEARI, the local association, NEA Member Benefits and NEA360, may use automated calling techniques and/or text message me on a periodic basis. These entities will never charge for text message alerts. Carrier message and data rates may apply to such alerts.

Race/Ethnicity: ☐ American/Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African-American ☐ Middle Eastern/North African ☐ Latin/o/a/x, Hispanic, or Chican/o/a/x Native ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ White (not Hispanic) ☐ Multiracial ☐ Other

Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Transgender Female ☐ Transgender Male ☐ Gender Expansive/Non-Conforming

Tell us about your professional needs

1. What year did you enter the profession?

2. Your union provides training, support, and tools to ensure your professional success. What would you like to learn more about?

- ☐ Building relationships and meeting students' social-emotional needs ☐ Family and community engagement ☐ Technology
☐ Instructional and classroom strategies ☐ Health and safety ☐ Social justice and racial equity ☐ Reducing student debt
☐ Saving money with NEA Member Benefits

3. How would you like to participate in your union? (Mark all you are interested in)

- ☐ **Membership, Leadership, & Advocacy**
Talking to colleagues about joining our union to build power for members. For example, participating as an organizer, building representative, or another Association leadership role.
- ☐ **Political Activism**
Volunteering with my union to elect pro-public education candidates from both parties—from my local school board to the White House.
- ☐ **Collective Action**
Helping get the word out about bargaining, meet & confer, or other workplace actions.
- ☐ **School Funding & Education Policy**
Working to increase education funding at my school, district, and state.
- ☐ **Leading Our Professions**
Supporting members to grow in their professional practices.
- ☐ **Thinking About It...**
I'm not ready to volunteer right now, but I'm looking forward to staying informed.

Join Our Union

☐ MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT: YES!

I want to join my fellow employees and become a member of the local association, the National Education Association Rhode Island (NEARI), and the National Education Association. I hereby request and voluntarily accept membership in these associations, and agree to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of all three associations.

☐ ANNUAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION: YES!

I hereby agree to pay the annual (Sep. 1 – Aug. 31) dues established by the three associations in consideration for the services the union provides. I understand that those annual amounts are subject to periodic change by the governing bodies of the associations. I authorize on a continuing basis, and regardless of my membership status, the payment of those annual amounts established by the three associations through payroll deduction unless I revoke this authorization in a signed writing sent to 99 Bald Hill Rd., Cranston, RI 02920 via U.S. mail between August 1 and August 31 of the membership year immediately preceding the membership year for which the authorization is to be canceled. I also agree that if I transfer positions or otherwise change jobs into a position that is covered by a different local association affiliated with NEARI and NEA, my membership may automatically transfer to my new local association, and if the annual dues amount for my new local is different than for my existing local, I agree to pay that new amount unless I revoke my payment authorization as described above. I understand that my payment includes a contribution of \$10 to the NEARI Political Action Committee for Education (RIPACE) per the terms below.**

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS VOLUNTARY AND IS NOT A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT AND THAT I HAVE THE LEGAL RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS AGREEMENT WITHOUT SUFFERING ANY REPRISAL.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Dues payments are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

**I understand that my contribution of \$10 to RIPACE, of which 60 cents is designated to the RI AFL-CIO PAC, is voluntary and not a condition of membership; that the contribution will be used to support candidates for local and/or state office; that I have the right to refuse to contribute without any change in membership service of status; and that I may contribute more or less than the amount shown. I may request a refund of this contribution by writing an individual letter to NEARI by November 1.

Support elected officials who support public education

☐ **YES! I WANT TO HELP ADVANCE POLICIES THAT POSITIVELY IMPACT EDUCATORS, STUDENTS, AND PUBLIC EDUCATION.**

I hereby authorize the following contribution by payroll deduction to the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education (NEA Fund) to build a strong voice for educators.

☐ \$10 *per year* ☐ \$20 *per year*
☐ \$50 *per year* ☐ \$100 *per year*
☐ \$ *per year*

The NEA Fund for Children and Public Education collects contributions from Association members for political work. This includes, but is not limited to, making contributions to (and expenditures on behalf of) friends of public education who are candidates for office.

Only U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents may contribute to the NEA Fund. Contributions to the Fund are voluntary. Making a contribution is neither a condition of employment nor membership in the NEA, NEARI, and LEA, and members have the right to refuse to contribute without suffering any reprisal. Although the NEA Fund requests a donation in the amounts listed above, these are only suggestions. A member may contribute more or less than the suggested amounts, or may contribute nothing at all, without it affecting their membership status, rights, or benefits in NEA or any of its affiliates.

Contributions to the NEA Fund are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

Federal law requires the NEA Fund to use best efforts to report the name, mailing address, occupation, and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year.

→ **SIGNATURE:**

DATE:

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