



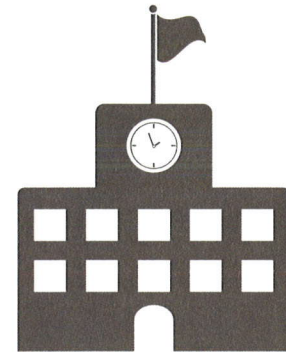
# The MEA Advantage:

# For Public Education

## Being a Strong Union Helps Students

MEA is the strongest professional labor union for public school employees in Michigan. With 140,000 members working together to improve educational outcomes for their students and working conditions for school employees, we are a powerful force for Michigan's students.

- Much of what we negotiate about your working conditions has a direct impact on the students we serve. Take a look at your contract. Whether it's safe buses, class size limits, adequate classroom supplies, safety issues, prep time, or many other issues, remember your working conditions are your students learning conditions.
- MEA members can connect and stay informed through our social media tools like MEA's Facebook and Twitter accounts. This is just one of many ways members can discuss issues and mobilize around issues facing public education, like mandatory state testing. MEA also makes sure members stay informed on important education topics through MEA Voice magazine, our members-only email newsletters, and on the web at [www.mea.org](http://www.mea.org).
- MEA holds numerous conferences that allow members the opportunity to meet other school employees from across the state and develop new skills together (Go to [www.mea.org/conferences-and-trainings](http://www.mea.org/conferences-and-trainings) for a listing).
- Ensuring the collective voice of school employees is heard is one of the most important advantages of MEA. Whether it's at the Capitol in Lansing, in the news media, or in our local communities, it's essential that the opinions and expertise of front-line educators get into the conversation about education. Together, our voice is louder and more respected.



No matter where you turn, there's an MEA member nearby who's willing to talk, ready to help and ready to act.

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*On the phone or online, get answers to your MEA questions.*