

TOGETHER. A STRONGER VOICE.

Together we're stronger.
Together we're heard.

Being an educator is one of the hardest jobs in the world and it's never been harder than right now. With more members like you, we'll have a stronger collective voice that can help educators live better lives, so our students get the best education possible.

Who is The SCEA?

The SCEA is South Carolina's leading advocate for public education with the collective power of over 3.2 million members nationwide. We work together to ensure that educators like you have a stronger voice.

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What does that mean?

- We advocate at the state and local levels for higher salaries and improved working conditions for all education professionals.
- We meet with lawmakers from both political parties to improve our daily lives as educators.
- We work hand in hand with school administrators and school boards to make sure our voices are being heard and respected.
- We make sure that educators have the resources you need to give students your best.



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The SCEA Works With Educators to Deliver Real Change.

STATE

1. Unanimous passage of 30 minutes duty-free unencumbered time for elementary & special education educators.
2. Defeated Private School Vouchers. Won after a 6-month long battle.
3. Defeated anti-truth censorship bills and anti-truth censorship amendments. Members of The SCEA and coalition partners across SC joined to fight for honesty in education and won.
4. Defeated open enrollment bill that would have deepened inequities and created fiscal uncertainty.
5. Increased the Teacher Supply checks to \$300.
6. Increased the minimum teacher starting salary to \$40,000.
7. Bus Driver salary raised 3%.
8. PEBA (retirement pension) exemption from earning limitations for retirees.
9. Dangerous insulin administration bill halted.
10. Unanimous passage of a bill that ended lunch-shaming and the practice of sending students and families to collections over school lunch debt.

NATIONAL

1. Due to the advocacy of NEA members, the broken **Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) was overhauled** to help more workers get forgiveness, including previously denied applicants.
 - a. **Double-Dip PSLF & TLF Payments:** The new temporary PSLF waiver will enable teachers to use the same period of employment service for PSLF as they used for Teacher Loan Forgiveness (TLF), as well as any payments made during those years. Teachers must apply before October 31, 2022.
 - b. **NEA members get free help with this process!**
 - c. **Historic Numbers of Workers Helped:** The changes to PSLF will mean 550,000 borrowers will move significantly closer to student debt forgiveness, including 22,000 who are immediately eligible.
2. The SCEA is the only organization in South Carolina that advocates for members at the national level!