

If we don't stand up for quality public education & public services,

WHO WILL?

Whether you work for the State of Montana, a public school or university, city or county government, or a health care facility, **politicians affect every aspect of your job, every day.**

Their decisions affect your ability to do a good job for the Montana people you serve. They affect your salary, working conditions, medical coverage, retirement, and more.

Some politicians get it. Some politicians know that public education and public services make Montana and America strong—and some don't. Some respect you and the important work you do—and some don't.

Some ballot initiatives promote quality schools and public services—and some threaten our very existence.

We need to elect people who care about public education, public services, and public employees. We need to maintain our voice in ballot issues that affect our members and the people they serve.

Together, with 18,000 MEA-MFT members across the state pitching in, we can make a difference.

MEA-MFT's Committee On Political Education (COPE) interviews candidates to find out which ones support our members and the important work they do. Then COPE helps these good people get elected.

Our national affiliates, NEA and AFT,* do the same on the national level.

Your support makes a difference! We are asking MEA-MFT members across the state to consider contributing \$2 a month to support MEA-MFT COPE, and \$1 a month for NEA and AFT. That's less than the cost of a cup of coffee and a donut.



For less than the cost of a coffee & donut each month, you can help **build a brighter Montana future.**

Here's how: ►



*NEA & AFT are MEA-MFT's two national affiliates: National Education Assoc. and American Federation of Teachers.

For just a few dollars a month, **YOU can make a difference.**

We need your help! MEA-MFT is asking each member to donate \$2 a month for MEA-MFT COPE* and \$1 a month for NEA FCPE/AFT COPE.** It's an excellent investment in your future. Please take a stand for public schools and public services. **Thank you!**



PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

YES! I want to be part of MEA-MFT's ongoing political education efforts on behalf of public education and public services by supporting good candidates and ballot issues.

I hereby authorize my employer to deduct the following amount from my payroll continuously from year to year unless revoked for subsequent years by written notice to the employer and MEA-MFT.

MEA-MFT COPE & BIF* \$_____per month (\$2 suggested)

NEA FCPE /AFT COPE** \$_____per month (\$1 suggested)

YOUR LOCAL PAC*** \$_____per month (\$1 suggested)

Date _____ Signature _____

Name (Please Print) _____

Home Address: _____

Local MEA-MFT Affiliate _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail address _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR UNION LOCAL PRESIDENT. THANK YOU!

Contributions to NEA FCPE/AFT-COPE and MEA-MFT's Committee On Political Education and Ballot Initiative Fund are voluntary and are not a condition of membership in MEA-MFT or any of its affiliates. Political action contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Only U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents may contribute. State and Federal law prohibit us from receiving donations from persons other than members of MEA-MFT and its affiliates, and their immediate families. All donations from persons other than members of MEA-MFT and its affiliates, and their immediate families, will be returned.

P.S. If you prefer to make a cash donation, please write your check to MEA-MFT COPE, note the total here: \$_____. Fill in contact information above, and return the form plus check to: MEA-MFT, 1232 E. Sixth Ave, Helena, MT 59601.

*MEA-MFT COPE: Committee On Political Education. BIF: Ballot Initiative Fund

**NEA FCPE: Friends of Children & Public Education. AFT COPE: Committee on Political Education

***Several MEA-MFT local affiliates have their own Political Action Committees

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