Unite, Inspire, Lead
Our Students, Our Union, Our Future

A Vision for OUR Future!

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NEA Strategic Goal and NEA Organizational Priority in this session:

• NEA Strategic Goal

  Strategic Goal 1: Strong Affiliates for Educator Voice and Empowerment

  Strategic Goal 2: Empowered Educators for Successful Students

• NEA Organizational Priority

  Early Career Educators
NEA Leadership Competency: Advocacy

• NEA Leadership Competency progression level(s)
  Level 1: Foundational and Level 2: Mobilizing & Power Building

• NEA Leadership Competency Themes
  Acts as a political activist
  Participates in campaign actions
  Leads public education policy reform
Educators are considered one of the most effective messengers in their communities.
Please tell me how much trust you would have in each of the following on the issue of improving education in your state - a great deal of trust, some trust, not much trust, or no trust at all.

- Public School Teachers: 40
- School principals and administrators: 22
- Parent groups like the PTA: 27
- School boards: 12
- Teachers unions: 14
- Democrats in Congress: 12
- Republicans in Congress: 9
When we talk...

PEOPLE LISTEN.
What's at stake?
Hello
My name is
Practice.
STUDENT SUCCESS.
Good education inspires students’ natural curiosity, imagination and desire to learn.

As a ____, I am deeply committed to the success of every student.

Students are at the center of everything we do.

QUALITY.
Ensure every student has a caring, qualified, committed teacher.

OPPORTUNITY.
All students, regardless of their ZIP code, deserve the support, tools and time to learn.
Finding your niche!
Start small and build a reputation

Association Representative at Thomas Jefferson High School

Identify a need:
• Represent the local in your building
  232 schools in the local
• Build a reputation:
  Trustworthy, open and effective
Grow your influence and learn from diversity

Vice President of Teacher Affairs

• Speak at school board meetings, counsel educators and advocate for students

• Capitalize on natural strengths

• Seek to replicate yourself, learn from diversity
Look for stepping stones

Region 4 President

• Make a commitment to connecting with members. Find motivation in serving a broader audience.

• Leadership is a exercise in interpersonal skills

• Find your “get up and go” to rise above environmental challenges.
Grow yourself, grow your local

President of the Dallas NEA

Goals going forward:

• Set a tone

• Build morale

• Forge unity
Campaigning and Leadership

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Delna Bryan for NEA Dallas President

F: Forthright, Fair, Focused, Fortitude
U: Unique, Unity, Uplifting, Unbelievable
T: Trustworthy, Teamwork, Tenacity
U: Useful, Unwavering, Understanding
R: Respectful, Resourceful, Reliable
E: Educated, Encouraging, Empowering
V: Values, Vibrant, Versatility, Virtuous
I: Innovative, Involved, Inspiring, Ideas
N: Nurturing, New, No-Nonsense

We are adjecitves that describe your next step, vote this week and make a difference, a member of the NEA-Dallas ISD!

"PAID FOR by the Committee to Elect Delna Bryan"
Reflection:

Where will your activist journey take you?
Session Outcomes

• The content from this session can be used in the following ways in your current position/role:
  * Foment cooperation and harmony among members
• Build advocacy for all stakeholders: students & teachers
• Inculcate there is strength in oneness
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