This Association year has posed many concerns and challenges for the NEA Budget. While struggling to keep our members informed and safe, The Program and Budget Committee members have looked at what the results of the coronavirus might do to the NEA Budget in the next two years. In light of numerous possibilities, the Committee voted to basically recommend nearly the same budget for 2020-2021. Not knowing if there will be a loss of positions in schools, if there will be a membership loss as was seen following the 2008 recession, or exactly what might happen, this was the safest and most responsible route to take. The NEA Board of Directors also voted to recommend the budget to the Representative Assembly delegates; this vote will be by a mailed secret ballot following the Assembly.

Any funds saved by not holding the RA in person will be put in a Stabilization Fund. The priority will be to help our members, affiliates, students, and communities in addressing inequities.

Needs of NEA Retired are placed within each Center in the Budget. These include funds for organizing, conferences, lobbying, training, the NEA Council and Annual Meeting, and communication: NEA Today. Since plans were already underway, every effort will be made to incorporate the addition of a full day to the 2021 post Summit Conference. This year NEA Retired received additional funds for an ad hoc committee on membership.

All Retired programs and assistance remain firmly in place.