Outline of the Affiliation Process for an NEA Local to Become a Directly Affiliated NEA Local (DANL)

1). An NEA local affiliate secures vote of its governing body to become a DANL, and reports the action on the application form.

2). The state affiliate approves the application, and state contact information is recorded on the form. Either the local affiliate or NEA staff (after the form is submitted to NEA headquarters) can reach out to the state for consent.

3). Once the application is complete, the NEA forwards the paperwork to the AFL-CIO.

4). At this point, the application can take some weeks for agreement. The AFL has an internal approval process that involves its affiliates at the national, state and local central labor council levels. If any of these objects to affiliation, the AFL-CIO will not be able to provide a certificate of affiliation to the NEA local affiliate.

5). If the application is accepted, the local affiliate contact will receive a letter of confirmation from the AFL-CIO, signed by both the AFL and NEA presidents.

6). Any further issues with the affiliation/confirmation process should be directed to the AFL.