

# Vote EON/BAMN for NEA Executive Committee

## Elect **MARK AIRGOOD & TANIA KAPPNER**



Build the Independent Mass Integrated Labor and Civil Right Movement to Defend Public Education and Democracy  
Mandatory Masking and COVID Vaccines in Schools  
High Quality Virtual Education for Immunocompromised Students and All Families Who Want It  
Defeat the Right-wing Trump movement Attacks on Women, LGBT Students, Civil and Immigrant Rights



EON/BAMN is proud to be at the forefront of the new civil rights movement and fighting to protect our communities from Covid-19 infections and deaths. Mark Airgood and Tania Kappner are the only Executive Committee candidates who have fought for mandatory Covid-19 masking, mandatory vaccinations, and for quality, safe, remote learning since the beginning of the pandemic. We refuse to go along with the betrayals of nearly every politician, public health official, and media outlet who is pushing us to learn how to “live” with mass Covid illness and death. Our students’ and families’ lives are at stake. Every family or NEA member who wants virtual learning has a right to it. The masking mandates in schools must be maintained and vaccines must be mandatory.

Airgood and Kappner pledge to lead the NEA to stand up to billionaires and corporate political funders who see the pandemic as an opportunity to push privatization, charters and school closure schemes to destroy public education.

Our union is the strongest in the country when we act on our own independent power and program. Teachers have more authority than ever before, striking in large cities and small. This strike wave should spread across the country with demands for better salaries and benefits, but also for policies to keep teachers and students safe during this ongoing

pandemic. Airgood and Kappner are not afraid to harness the mighty power of the NEA instead of pursuing the dead-end policy of subordinating us to politicians who make promises they never deliver on.

We will lead the NEA to build the politically independent civil rights and labor movement to fight for immigrant rights, women’s rights, LGBT rights, youth rights, and all struggles of oppressed and working people. Two years ago, the movement poured out into the streets to win justice for George Floyd and to fight racism. Our movement defeated Donald Trump and protected American democracy from an authoritarian coup. Recently, students and teachers have been walking out and marching across the nation to defeat Texas’ anti-abortion and Florida’s “Don’t Say Gay” laws, and demanding safe conditions in the schools during the pandemic. All of these actions are supported by and embolden the black, Latina/o, and immigrant communities who are central to the defense of public education and the basic democratic protections that have been taken for granted for so long.

We need a national leadership for this national movement. Vote Mark Airgood and Tania Kappner to put the NEA in the leadership of this fight.

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