
What do we do? Stand up, fight back!

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**When public schools are under attack,
what do we do? *Stand up, fight back!***

It's time to mobilize your coworkers, and get ready to show up and show out at the [GCS Budget Public Hearing](#) on April 8! We know that our power is our people, so we need *everyone* ready to stand up and fight back! You can share your story at the press conference or public hearing if you choose, *and* we need your voice as part of our large and powerful crowd of GCS workers and community members who support better pay for all public school workers. **[BE THERE!](#)**



Special #RedForEd Today!

On Tuesday, March 11, the Trump Administration devastated the US Department of Education by laying off over 1,300 employees. The department's staff has been nearly cut in half. It will harm students of all races and religions and in every region across our state. The cuts to the Department of Education target students with disabilities and those from low-income communities.

As educators, we protect our students and our communities. We won't let anti-public education politicians hurt our public schools by dismantling the Department of Education and stealing opportunities from our students.

On Wednesday, March 19, we will take a stand against the harm to our students and our schools with a special #Red4Ed. We will wear our red to our worksites to remind elected leaders that we will protect our students and defend our public schools.

Make sure to take photos of you and our coworkers in your #Red4Ed to amplify our message and share on social media with the hashtags #Red4Ed and #StandUpForEd. And don't forget to tag NCAE!

Public schools and the Department of Education exist because students, no matter their race, conditions, or circumstances, have the right to an education that impacts academic lessons, life skills, and a lifelong love of learning.

How to Share Your Photos and Social Posts with NCAE:

1. Use the hashtags #Red4Ed and #StandUpForEd
2. Tag NCAE on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/wearencae>) and Instagram (@wearencae)
3. Share your stories at <https://link.ncae.org/Red4Ed>

Sample Social Media Captions:

- TOGETHER, we wear red to show we are fighting for the public schools our students deserve.
- We are wearing #Red4Ed today because Guilford County Schools will lose \$28.5 million with the destruction of the Department of Education.*

Union elections are underway!

Check your email on file with NCAE to find your ballot in an email with the subject line *2025 NEA/NCAE Election*. Check your spam and junk folders, and if you still don't see your ballot, email ncaeelections@ncae.org. The voting period has been extended until March 27!

Operation Cooperation

There's still time to donate to United Way Community Schools of Asheville and Buncombe as part of NCAE's charitable work at this year's Convention. You can donate directly to Buncombe County Association of Educators using their PayPal account at bcae.ncae@gmail.com.

Plug in and Build YOUR Union!

Summer Member Organizing

<https://link.ncae.org/ApplySMO2025>

**Application Deadline:
March 31**

SMO Job Description:
<https://link.ncae.org/SMO25>
Lead SMO Job Description:
<https://link.ncae.org/SMOLead25>
2025 SMO Application Link:
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Apply

Organizing Committee

<https://bit.ly/OC4-5-25>

Saturday, April 5

9:30-11:30 AM

GCAE Office

Register

Budget Public Hearing & GCAE Press Conference

<https://bit.ly/GCAEbudget4-8-25>

Tuesday, April 8

5:00 PM

Board of Education Bldg

Register

GCAE Mass Meeting

<https://bit.ly/GCAEmass4-10-25>

Thursday, April 10

5:30-7:30 PM

Smith High School Media Center

Register

Need some union swag? Check out the [GCAE Shirt Shop!](#)

Ways to Plug In with NCAE & NEA:

GCAE is the local affiliate of our state union, NCAE, and our national union, NEA. The following opportunities are available for all GCAE members ready to learn one more thing, take one more step, or dig just a little bit deeper.

- **Connect with NCAE & NEA**
 - Fill out: <http://join.nea.org/north-carolina/connect>
- **NCAE 2024-25 Learning the Landscape Political Education**
 - 1st Mondays, 6-7:30 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/649345/>
- **NCAE 2024-25 Building Team Virtual Training Series**
 - 2nd Mondays, 6-8 PM, virtual
 - Register: <http://link.ncae.org/BLOT-SPRING25>
- **NCAE 2024-25 Local Strength Cohort Meetings**
 - 4th Mondays, 6-7:30 PM, virtual
 - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/649000/>

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