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## Rights, Respect, and Reading

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### Did you miss the Campaign Launch?

You can still participate by signing and getting your coworkers to sign the [petition for Rights, Respect, and Reading](#). This fall, we're fighting for better pay for public school staff, better protection for our students and families, and access to reading materials for all students. Our public schools are the place where over 80% of North Carolinian children spend most of their waking hours, and they deserve an excellent education provided by respected professionals in a safe and comfortable setting.



Other campaign materials:

- [Timeline & Demands](#)
- [Petition Information](#)
- Sign the petition: [tinyurl.com/GCAEpetition25](https://tinyurl.com/GCAEpetition25)
- Petition tracker: [tinyurl.com/RRRtracker](https://tinyurl.com/RRRtracker)

Check out the [Step Up Menu](#) to see where you can plug in to Union work.

### TLDR: Where will you plug in?

- Coordinate a Red For Ed Photo: [tinyurl.com/how-toR4E](https://tinyurl.com/how-toR4E)
  - Present at a staff meeting: [tinyurl.com/GCAEstaffmtg25](https://tinyurl.com/GCAEstaffmtg25)
  - Host a Building Meeting: [tinyurl.com/GCAEbldgmtg9-25](https://tinyurl.com/GCAEbldgmtg9-25)
  - Join a committee: [tinyurl.com/GCAEcommittees](https://tinyurl.com/GCAEcommittees)
  - Join the Organizing Committee: [tinyurl.com/GCAEOC9-20-25](https://tinyurl.com/GCAEOC9-20-25)
  - Recruit members: [bit.ly/GCAEmembrap](https://bit.ly/GCAEmembrap)
  - Sign the petition: [tinyurl.com/GCAEpetition25](https://tinyurl.com/GCAEpetition25)
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### Attention, inclusion specialists.

If you would like to participate in a research study on promoting success for students with disabilities, please read [Jennifer Smith's recruitment letter](#).

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## Plug In and Build YOUR Union

### Organizing Committee Meeting

[tinyurl.com/GCAEOC9-20-25](https://tinyurl.com/GCAEOC9-20-25)

**Saturday, September 20**

9:30-11:30 AM

Middle College at GTCC-Jamestown

**Register**

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

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## 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.

- **NCAE New Member Orientation**
  - Monday, September 22, 6:00-7:00 PM
  - Virtual
  - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/ncae/event/839336>
- **NEA See Educators Run Application Deadline**
  - Deadline Thursday, September 25 (Training November 14-16 in Charlotte, NC)

- Apply: <https://educationvotes.nea.org/run-for-office/see-educators-run/application/>
  - **Connect with NCAE & NEA**
    - Fill out: <http://join.nea.org/north-carolina/connect>
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## Ways to Plug In with Our Community Partners:

- **Teach Truth on Constitution Day**
    - Wednesday, September 17
    - Information: <https://www.zinnedproject.org/news/teach-truth-on-constitution-day/>
    - created by Zinn Education Project
  - **Labor Notes Organizer School**
    - Saturday, September 20, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
    - Jordan High School, Durham, NC
    - Register: <https://www.labornotes.org/events/2025/NCTMS2025>
  - **Triad Sun Day**
    - Sunday, September 21, 2:00-5:00 PM
    - Faith Community Church/Beloved Community Center
    - Register: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/sun-day-in-greensboro>
    - hosted by Third Act North Carolina
  - **Guardians of the Right to Learn: Ensuring Fairness, Equity, and Opportunity in Every School**
    - Monday, September 22, 6:00-7:30 PM
    - College Park Baptist Church
    - Register: <https://mobilize.us/s/Aaslun>
    - hosted by Indivisible with keynote panelist Anita Earls and panelists Joanna Pendleton, Monica Walker, and Justin Parmenter
  - **Public School Strong Training**
    - Tuesday, September 23, 7:00-8:30 PM
    - Virtual
    - Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/downhomenc/event/557516/>
    - a great opportunity for parents and community members to organize and advocate for public schools
  - **L.E.A.R.N. Back to School Celebration**
    - Wednesday, September 24, 5:30-7:00 PM
    - Guilford Green Foundation
    - Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/learn-back-to-school-celebration-tickets-1632757103449>
  - **Participate in a Study (Inclusion Specialists)**
    - [Information Linked Here](#)
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