



# **FACT SHEET**

**OBJECTIVE:** The mission of the New Jersey Education Association is to advance and protect the rights, benefits, and interests of members, and promote a quality system of public education for all students.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Nearly 200,000 New Jersey public school employees, including teachers and support personnel, retired educators, student members, and general and subscribing members

**OFFICES:** A headquarters building at 180 W. State St. in Trenton, New Jersey, and 22 regional offices throughout the state.

**ORGANIZATION:** The staff is organized into six divisions: Communications, Executive Office, Government Relations, Professional Development, Research and Economic Services, and UniServ.

**GOVERNANCE:** NJEA policy is made by a Delegate Assembly of 125 members. Policy is implemented by a 40-member Executive Committee. Both bodies are elected by NJEA members. Policy recommendations come from NJEA's 40 standing and special committees.

**DUES:** Annual dues are \$791 for active professional members; \$386 for active supportive members; \$250 for general professional and subscribing members.

**OFFICERS:** NJEA's officers, who are elected to two-year terms, are:

***President:***

Barbara Keshishian,  
a mathematics teacher in New Milford  
(Bergen County)

***Vice President:***

Wendell Steinhauer,  
a mathematics teacher in Riverside  
(Burlington County)

***Secretary-Treasurer:***

Marie Blistan,  
a special education teacher in Washington  
Township (Gloucester County)

**AFFILIATIONS:** NJEA is the state affiliate of the National Education Association, 1201 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

NJEA has a local affiliate in every school district in New Jersey, almost all of them the legally recognized bargaining agent for that district's teachers. In many districts, NJEA also represents education support professionals such as secretaries, bus drivers, custodians, classroom paraprofessionals, etc.

NJEA also has local affiliates in most of New Jersey's county colleges and in several of the state colleges. In addition, many of New Jersey's subject-matter associations -- such as the Teachers of English -- are affiliates of NJEA.