

## Recommendation of President Obama

### NEA Delegates APPROVE Recommendation of President Obama

**President Barack Obama shares our vision for a stronger America and he is the best candidate for realizing NEA's vision of great public schools for every student, a strong middle class, and a prosperous nation.**

- There's a lot at stake in this election and our delegates, by approving this recommendation, want NEA to take the lead in supporting leaders, like President Obama, who stand strong for our students, our schools, and America. More than any other candidate, President Obama's goals and priorities align the closest with NEA's 3.2 million members.
- This recommendation is based upon our firm belief that President Obama has the best overall vision for supporting America's students and working families. We have seen the alternative vision that has played itself out in many state capitols over the last six months and with the Ryan Budget at the federal level, and NEA members soundly reject that vision for the country.
- Throughout his first term, President Obama has proven time and again that he is on the side of America's working families. We have not agreed with all of the administration's policies, but the administration has been a tireless advocate for children, quality healthcare, education funding, retirement security and the vitality of the middle class.
- The President made critical investments in education through the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*, which saved and created jobs that fueled local economies, made the single largest investment in public education in American history, and brought relief to countless middle-class families. The historic *Affordable Care Act* has for the first time in history provided access to quality, affordable and comprehensive health care coverage for all U.S. residents, including millions of children. And by approving the *Education Jobs Bill*, he kept class sizes from ballooning, dedicated educators working, and critical education programs for students from being cut.
- NEA continues to support elected leaders and candidates who champion a vibrant middle class, a strong labor movement and the opportunity for all to realize the American dream. NEA support in elections is powerful and influential. Our members are reliable and consistent voters. About one in 100 Americans is an NEA member, and our members live in every congressional district in the nation.
- We don't sit on the sidelines when it comes to the future of America's public school students. NEA will invest significant resources, both financial and human, in the 2012 election cycle. NEA will support candidates who put students, families and working families before millionaire CEOs with extremist agendas like the Koch Brothers.
- The RA is NEA's highest governing body. Some 8,000 RA delegates voted on the recommendation to support President Barack Obama in the upcoming election. Following the vote, our leadership will look at our resources and determine the most effective use of our PAC dollars. It's unclear how much NEA will spend.