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WHERE DO YOUR UNION DUES GO?

Overview of Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) dues (2019-2020):



\$64.7M

in dues were collected
from school employees



+\$1M

increase in total revenue
from the previous year (2018)
despite having 739 fewer members

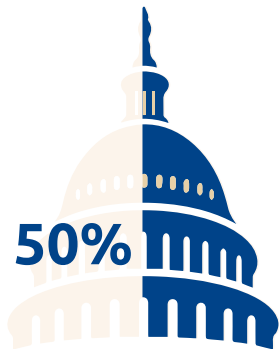


27%

increase in teachers'
dues since 2011

What about the National Education Association (NEA)?
(PSEA’s more political parent organization)

Teachers and other PSEA members fund a web of progressive organizations and causes through their membership dues. In addition, every PSEA member must pay NEA dues of \$200/year for full time teachers, despite NEA’s overtly political expenditures.



- 50% of NEA’s member dues went towards political or related activities.
- Both PSEA and NEA use their own PACs to collect and spend political money.

2018 Janus v. AFSCME Supreme Court Decision

was a **big win for nonmembers** and relieved them from the obligation to pay any fees to the union as a condition of public employment. **However, for teachers who remain PSEA members, Janus changed NOTHING about how union dues are spent,** meaning they can still be used for political purposes.

PSEA’s Spending Breakdown

Data provided by U.S. Department of Labor ("LM-2" Financial Report, Nov. 2020)

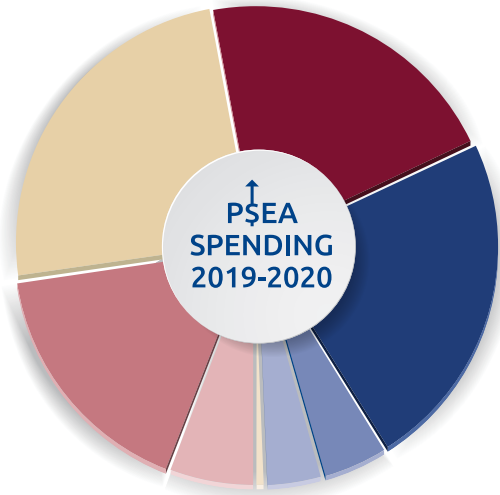
\$3.9M

of member dues were spent on
“political activities and lobbying.”

ONLY 21%

of spending went towards
“representational activities,” such as
collective bargaining negotiations,
handling grievances, and arbitration
proceedings.

Note: According to federal law, member dues can be used for a variety of political activities, such as get-out-the-vote drives, election mailers, lobbying of legislators, and public marketing campaigns.



- 24% GENERAL OVERHEAD
- 23% EMPLOYEE BENEFITS
- 21% REPRESENTATIONAL ACTIVITIES
- 17% UNION ADMINISTRATION
- 6% POLITICAL ACTIVITIES & LOBBYING
- 4% PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS & FIXED ASSETS
- 4% DIRECT TAXES
- 1% CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, & GRANTS



Since 2010, PSEA spent
\$37M of member
dues on "political
activities & lobbying."



Nearly 69% of PSEA’s overall spending went towards running the union, including: salaries, union employee health and retirement benefits, general overhead, multiple union leadership conferences, and purchase of investments and fixed assets (ie. land, buildings, and cars).

The Receipts Add Up

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PSEA'S EXPENDITURES

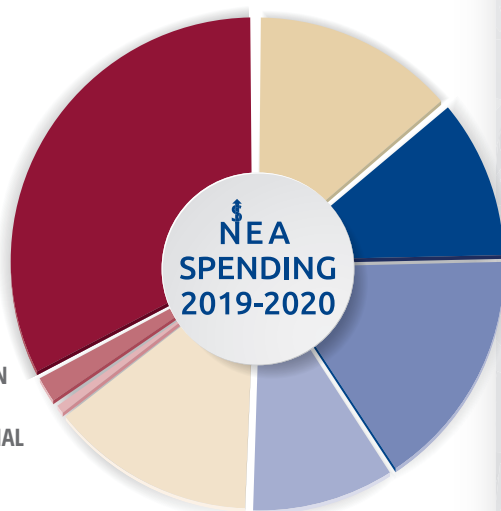
\$1.8M	Political mailings and advocacy materials
\$1.5M	Union officer and employee compensation for their political and lobbying activities
\$800K	Internal PSEA account "Fund for Student Success," a 527 independent expenditure committee, which is a political organization able to raise unlimited funds to influence "an issue, policy, appointment or election, be it federal, state or local," according to Opensecrets.org
\$65K	Pennsylvania Spotlight, a progressive news organization
\$50K	PR consulting firm Shelly Lyons, billed as a contribution to the progressive CLEAR Coalition
\$31K	Keystone Research Center, a progressive policy institute in Pennsylvania
\$29K	For Our Future Action, a PAC that hires organizers to mobilize voters on behalf of progressive candidates and issues
\$25K	PA Alliance Action, a committee that funds Democratic candidates in Pennsylvania

NEA'S EXPENDITURES

\$17M	Strategic Victory Fund, a super PAC that funnels money from donors to Democratic candidates and causes
\$9.5M	NEA Advocacy Fund, a super PAC started and run by the NEA
\$3.5M	The Good Land Committee, the fundraising arm of the Democratic National Convention
\$1.5M	State Engagement Fund, a progressive advocacy organization
\$800K	PA Alliance Action, a Pennsylvania-based super PAC that raises money for Democratic candidates and causes
\$400K	For Our Future Action Fund, an organization that advocates for progressive causes and candidates
\$400K	Priorities USA, the largest Democratic Party super PAC
\$375K	State Innovation Exchange, an organization that creates and advocates for progressive state-level legislation
\$330K	American Bridge To The 21st Century Foundation, a rapid response organization for democrats
\$300K	Committee on States, a group that coordinates donations to state-based progressive groups
\$280K	Democracy Alliance, an invitation-only network of progressive donors who agree to support a set of endorsed organizations
\$272K	America Votes, a coordination hub of the progressive community that mobilizes to change election law
\$250K	Main Street Advocacy, a group that supports moderate and centrist Republican congressional candidates against challengers from the left and right
\$225K	Fair Fight Action, a Georgia-based organization, founded by Stacey Abrams, that advocates for election law changes in the state
\$190K	Progressive Caucus Action Fund, the advocacy arm of the Congressional Progressive Caucus
\$135K	Project Keystone, a coalition of progressive groups organized to change Pennsylvania's election laws
\$125K	Progressive State Leaders Committee, a progressive advocacy group
\$100K	Emerging American Minorities, a group that supports state-based Democratic organizations and advocacy groups
\$50K	Center For American Progress Action Fund, a national progressive advocacy organization founded by John Podesta
\$25K	Verified Voting Foundation, a Philadelphia-based organization that promotes the use of technology in elections
\$20K	Sixteen Thirty Fund, a super PAC that fought against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh's nomination

NEA's Spending Breakdown

33%	CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, & GRANTS
16%	GENERAL OVERHEAD
14%	POLITICAL ACTIVITIES & LOBBYING
14%	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS
11%	UNION ADMINISTRATION
10%	REPRESENTATIONAL ACTIVITIES
2%	DIRECT TAXES
1%	PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS & FIXED ASSETS



\$50M+

in contributions from NEA to political organizations



\$20M+

increase from the year before (2019-2020)

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