You (yes, you!) can ensure public education is a central issue in the 2020 presidential race by serving as a delegate to your party’s National Convention.

Every four years, NEA members get the chance to advocate for public education in a unique and exciting way - by becoming a delegate to their party’s national convention! At both conventions, delegates gather to choose their party’s nominee for president and vote on the party platforms - including education policies. By becoming a delegate you can advocate for your students and make public education a central issue in the 2020 presidential race.

What is it like being a delegate?
- You get to know advocates in your community and your state party.
- You bring a unique strong public schools perspective to influence the national party platform and choose your party’s nominee for president.
- You are introduced to other NEA member delegates from across the country.
- You travel to your party convention and attend fun events - often with star entertainment!

How can I become a delegate?
- Each state party has their own process for becoming a delegate. Check out the NEA delegate site for more information on the process in your state.
- Usually, the first step is filing a form with your state party to indicate your interest in becoming a delegate and to let them know who you are supporting in the presidential primary.

How can NEA help?
- NEA Delegate Program staff are available to answer your questions at delegates2020@nea.org.
- Training on how to run for delegate slots, the skills to get elected, and support to those who attend their party’s national convention
- Financial stipend to offset travel and lodging costs at the convention

When and where are the conventions - DNC and RNC?
- DNC: July 13-16 in Milwaukee, WI
- RNC: August 24-17 in Charlotte, NC

What next? Want to run for delegate?
Let us know here.

Any questions?
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