



employees political information committee

Welcome to your union!

As a member of the Alaska Public Employees Association/American Federation of Teachers (APEA/AFT), you receive many benefits in the form of both products and services. One of those benefits is your **Employee Political Information Committee (EPIC)**. APEA/AFT members are EPIC members, too.

What EPIC does

Every APEA local union is represented on the 16-member EPIC Board, which is elected every two years. APEA members in good standing are eligible to run. The EPIC Board meets monthly via teleconference and occasionally in person. Members of the APEA/AFT staff, especially our Juneau-based State Affiliate Political Organizer, work closely with the EPIC Board.

Your EPIC Board serves as your eyes and ears in the political process at the local, state, and federal levels. The Board works to stay informed of new laws—and proposed changes to existing laws—that affect our paychecks, benefits, working conditions, the communities in which we live. During election season, we carefully examine candidates' past voting records and likelihood of supporting the issues that affect APEA/AFT members. When appropriate, we make endorsements and contribute to the campaigns of those who have and/or are willing to support our interests.

How you can support EPIC

- ✓ Visit the EPIC website at www.apea-aft.org
- ✓ Subscribe to APEA's Legislative Update on the website.
- ✓ Contribute to EPIC by filling out the enclosed form.
- ✓ Serve as a campaign volunteer for an EPIC-endorsed candidate.

I am often asked: "Why does the union get involved in politics?" I can answer this question in one sentence: *Every decision that affects the work of public employees is a political decision.*

Member contributions in the form of active involvement and financial support provide added strength to EPIC. We achieve more when we work together to support the best interests of the union! I encourage you to be involved in the political process and learn more about EPIC. For more information, contact us in the Anchorage office at 1-800-478-9992 or 274-1688, or contact any APEA Office. I will be pleased to answer your questions and share information about EPIC.

Again, welcome to your union!

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