

WINNING SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS 2026



PARTICIPANT HANDOUTS

Organizers must distinguish between worksite and local political campaigns, with school board elections having a significant impact on public school employees. To win, they need to develop strong leaders and build relationships with external groups, while also mobilizing voters and finding candidates, using member engagement plans, and exploring best practices.

The NEA Center for Organizing and Affiliate Support in partnership with the NEA Campaigns and Elections department created a training designed to build participants' understanding of political campaigns that increases the power and organizing capacity of their locals and community. Participants will deepen their understanding of campaign planning, candidate recruitment, coalition building, PAC fundraising, member engagement, voter contact, and messaging.

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