

## A HELPING HAND IN TOUGH TIMES

### *The Benefits of PSEA Membership – Without Paying PSEA Dues*

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#### *Help For Furloughed Members: PSEA Waives Dues For One Year and Extends Benefits*

As a PSEA member, you are part of a union, a family, a group of professionals who support each other, particularly when times are tough. Members who receive furlough notices know what tough times mean – and PSEA wants to help.

PSEA membership offers a wide range of benefits – from legal services and representation to discounts on all kinds of products and services. Furloughed members will need these benefits more than ever. That is why PSEA is offering membership to furloughed members at a greatly reduced rate.

#### *Maintain The Benefits of PSEA Membership – Without Paying PSEA Dues*

The PSEA Board of Directors has created an opportunity for furloughed members to do just that. PSEA members who are furloughed for the 2017-2018 school year can opt-in to a special reserve membership and receive the benefits of membership for one year – **without paying PSEA dues**.

#### *Act Now – Don't Let Your PSEA Membership Lapse*

Please act now. By maintaining continuous membership you are entitled to the legal services described in this sheet.

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## PSEA SPECIAL RESERVE MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### *Am I Eligible?*

If you are a PSEA active member for 2016-2017 who has been or will be furloughed for the 2017-2018 school year, you are eligible.

### *How Much Does It Cost?*

A special reserve member only pays NEA dues, which are \$83.00 for an EA member and \$46.50 for an ESP member.

As a special reserve member, **all PSEA dues are waived**.

### *Why Do I Need to Pay NEA Dues?*

PSEA and NEA have unified membership. While PSEA was able to waive its dues for one year for eligible furloughed members, NEA was not - due to its bylaw requirements.

### *How Do I Enroll?*

Contact your local membership chair or contact PSEA and let us know you've been furloughed.  
*(See the reverse side of this sheet.)*

### *What Benefits Do I Receive?*

By paying only your NEA dues, you receive **all of the benefits and privileges of PSEA and NEA membership**, except participation in governance.

Benefits include **legal representation**, which covers assistance with unemployment compensation, certification, and license matters; **UniServ representation**; and access to all **member benefits discount programs**.

### *What If I Obtain Other School Employment?*

Furloughed members who accept work as day-to-day substitutes are eligible for special reserve membership.

If you become a long-term substitute or eligible for any other PSEA membership category during 2017-2018, you will be considered an active member and therefore not eligible for special reserve status.

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### KEY BENEFITS OF PSEA MEMBERSHIP

#### **PSEA Legal Services** provide representation for:

- ✓ Unemployment compensation claims
- ✓ Issues related to license and certification
- ✓ Problems with retirement credit and annuity payments

#### **PSEA Member Benefits** provide discounts on products and services for:

- ✓ Groceries and Restaurants
- ✓ Cell Phone Services
- ✓ Auto, Homeowners, and Life Insurance
- ✓ Dental and Vision Insurance

Find these member benefits at [www.psea.org/mb](http://www.psea.org/mb)

*“PSEA is proud to serve its members. For members who may be furloughed, the benefits of membership can be essential. That is why we created this membership opportunity. If you qualify, please stay with PSEA and sign up as a special reserve member. Things will get better, but let your union offer a helping hand in these tough times.”*

- W. Gerard Oleksiak  
PSEA President

### SIGN UP FOR PSEA SPECIAL RESERVE MEMBERSHIP

#### **Special Reserve Membership** How To Enroll

- ✓ If you have been furloughed, ask the membership chair in your local to forward your name to PSEA; or
- ✓ Go to PSEA’s website at [www.psea.org/furloughs](http://www.psea.org/furloughs) and tell us that you want to take advantage of special reserve membership; or
- ✓ Call PSEA at 1-800-944-7732, ext. 3001 and tell us that you want to sign up for special reserve membership.

#### **Special Reserve Membership** Costs

Member Category	PSEA Dues	NEA Dues	Total Dues 2017-18
EA	\$0	\$83.00	<b>\$83.00</b>
ESP	\$0	\$46.50	<b>\$46.50</b>

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