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NEA statement on action taken by delegates at 2025 Representative Assembly

Among many items debated at NEA's 2025 Representative Assembly, delegates voted to forward a recommendation to the NEA Executive Committee that the National Education Association (NEA) not use, endorse, or publicize materials from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) or participate in ADL programs.

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NEA Executive Committee for an impact study and further

consideration in accordance with NEA rules on sanctions and boycotts.

Although NEA does not have a partnership with the ADL, the NEA Executive Committee will consider the recommendation from delegates in accordance with NEA policy.

The following statement can be attributed to [NEA President Becky Pringle](#):

“As educators, we are committed to ensuring students of every race, religion or national origin have safe and welcoming spaces to learn and grow. The [National Education Association](#) and its members are unequivocally committed to the cause of educating, organizing against, and combating all forms of hate and discrimination, including antisemitism and anti-Palestinian bigotry. This is a fundamental principle we will never abandon.

“Antisemitism is a very real and urgent problem in this country and throughout the world. It is an insidious hate and cancer. NEA is committed to combating this hate in our classrooms, on our

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recommendation from delegates as outlined by our governing rules. As such, I will convene the NEA Executive Committee to deliberate. In fact, I already have begun outreach to inform that deliberation, by listening and engaging with a wide group of leaders in the Jewish and civil rights communities.

“NEA believes in free speech, academic freedom, and having hard yet honest conversations that can nurture growth and understanding. There is a critical need for us, as educators, to model the type of respectful dialogue and discourse we want to see in the world, in our classrooms, and on our campuses. We will not shy away from difficult or complex issues that affect our members, our students, or our schools, nor will we ever tolerate antisemitism, anti-Palestinian bigotry, or hateful rhetoric or behavior.”

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