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# Upcoming BCEA Events

A calendar of all events can be found on our website: [www.BCEA-NJEA.org](http://www.BCEA-NJEA.org)

## September

Welcome Back!

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## October

10 Early Career Fair

17 LGBTQ+ Curriculum Inclusion

20 BCEA Family Picnic

Phone Banking Dates :  
24, 28, 29, 30

## November

5 VOTE in the General Election

7 NJEA Convention reception

13 ESP Dinner

Phone Banking Date: 4th

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Whether you are a new or veteran educator, the start of a new school year can be overwhelming. The entire community counts on educators to set up the school,

help students get situated, and solve whatever problems crop up along the way.

But your community is also counting on you to keep advocating for the resources your students deserve, by telling local, state, and federal policy-makers what your kids need to succeed. The educator voice is trusted and needs to be heard.

Here are some ideas to help you get started.

- ☑ Communicate with all of your elected leaders—from your district school board members to your members of Congress. Be ready to hold them accountable, and thank them when they do right by public schools.
- ☑ Follow BCEA on Facebook, Twitter (@bcea), and Instagram (@bceanjea) to stay in-the-know on BCEA events, as well as local, state, and national politics that affect public education and educators. They offer quick and easy ways to support good initiatives, speak out against bad ones, and to share your story with decision makers. Also keep checking NJEA's website to stay in the know on state level developments.
- ☑ Spread the word! Make sure everyone in your social media circles knows that you care passionately about public education—and show them how they can help us defend it! Remember, face to face conversations are still the most potent tool for engaging others. Activism starts with the everyday conversations you have with friends, family, colleagues, and people you meet.

On behalf of Andy, Esther, Jenn, and our whole BCEA Leadership Team, I wholeheartedly welcome you to a new school year and wish you every success!

In unity,  
Sue

# Member to Member

by Sue McBride, BCEA President

## Bergen County Members in Motion:

#redford continues to be the focus of our members across the state and Bergen is out in force. Our "Red Ribbon" campaign and collective efforts show the power of our voices together.



Please keep those ribbons and lawn signs up. It is making an impact. Bergen members are also: meeting with legislators, attending rallies, making calls, posting on social media, and sending postcards.

This collective effort brings more and more attention to the public and our state representatives on the need to change the course of Chapter 78 and to protect our ESP's. Go Team Bergen!



The NEA RA delegation in Houston was well-represented by Bergen County. Delegates debate and vote on NEA business for the year.

