Memorandum

TO: Delegates to the 2020 NEA Representative Assembly

FROM: Lily Eskelsen Garcia, President

DATE: June 1, 2020

RE: NEA Ballot Measure/Legislative Crisis Fund Report

BACKGROUND

The 2000 NEA Representative Assembly created the NEA Ballot Measure/Legislative Crisis Fund. The current special dues assessment for the Fund is $20. The Board’s guidelines for the Fund set out a process for review and evaluation of affiliate funding requests by an Oversight Committee consisting of the NEA Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, the President of the National Council of State Education Associations, the NEA Senior Director of Communications, and the NEA Senior Director of Campaigns and Elections.

All recommendations of the Oversight Committee to allocate $500,000 or less to a state affiliate during a membership year are forwarded to the NEA President and Executive Director for action.

FUND STATUS

The NEA Ballot Measure/Legislative Crisis Fund began the 2019-2020 membership year with a carry-over of $61,173,869. Dues collections for 2019-2020 are projected to be $21,437,030. Therefore, the total amount available in the 2019-2020 membership year for ballot measures and legislative crisis is projected to be $82,610,899.

As of April 30, 2020, NEA had approved $1,211,000 in assistance to eight state affiliates for ballot measure campaigns and $1,586,301 in legislative crisis fund assistance to eight state affiliates. The NEA Board of Directors’ allocation expenditures are $18,544,800 and remaining allocation total is $39,413,277.

The current estimated fund balance available for 2019-2020 as of April 30, 2020 is $21,855,521.