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# ***AD NOTES***

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*Best practices and theory do not teach our students; Teachers do!*

Anonymous

## **Highly Qualified Effective Teacher Mandate**

The Aspen Institute's Commission on No Child Left Behind proposed changes to NCLB that would add on top of the current "highly qualified" requirements a new "highly qualified effective teacher" requirement. This new mandate would first apply to all reading, math, and science teachers, who would be evaluated in large part based on students' standardized test scores. Another part of the rating would be based on the principal's evaluation. This is an ill-conceived mandate!

**Contact your Congressional Representatives today.** Tell Congress to reject the NCLB Commission's ill-conceived mandate. Ask them instead to support NEA's Positive Agenda for ESEA Reauthorization. You can link them through the GGEA website at [www.ggea.org](http://www.ggea.org).

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## **Jury Duty Paperwork**

GGEA worked with the district to develop a form that must be filled out by the employee upon deferment of jury duty. Along with this form, you will need to submit your original jury summons and the court provided certification of jury duty service slip. Once completed, send all the above paperwork to Joli Armitage in Personnel Services for processing and reimbursement.

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## **Social Security Offset**

NEA has continued to lobby on our behalf to repeal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision. The House version of the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82) has 200 bipartisan cosponsors; the Senate version (S. 206) now boasts 15 bipartisan supporters. The rapid rise in support is a direct result of your continued e-mails, and the personal lobbying efforts of the NEA Board of Directors, who visited congressional offices last week. Again, contact your elected officials and tell them to correct this wrong now!

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**You can make a difference through your actions!**