

## It's Tax Time!

As you begin gathering your information together to figure your taxes for 2016, remember that most of your dues are deductible. Consult your tax professional about including dues as a miscellaneous deduction (unreimbursed employee expense).

Members paid the following dues (NEA, WEA, VEA) in 2016:

0.76-1.0 FTE	\$939.72
0.51-0.75 FTE	\$751.40
0.26-0.50 FTE	\$481.36
0.25 or less	\$252.60

This figure is calculated using the 2015-16 rate for 8 months (Jan-Aug) and the 2016-17 rate for 4 months (Sept-Dec). If you did not work the full year, or changed FTE during 2016, you can calculate your dues using the monthly figures as follows:

	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
0.76-1.0 FTE	\$77.84	\$79.25
0.51-0.75 FTE	\$62.26	\$63.33
0.26-0.50 FTE	\$39.88	\$40.58
0.25 or less	\$20.94	\$21.27

### Tax Deduction for Educators

Don't put your pencil down... In addition to your dues deduction be sure to ask your tax professional or visit page 31 of the 1040 instructions to see if you qualify for the educator deduction of \$250 for qualified expenses.

