

A new Defending Education report shows that America's two largest teachers' unions — the NEA and AFT — have diverted more than \$220 million since 2015 to Democratic and progressive groups instead of focusing on classrooms.

These funds have supported a broad spectrum of progressive organizations, including political action committees (PACs), activist nonprofit and advocacy groups. Beneficiaries range from high-dollar partisan groups like Senate Majority PAC to ideological nonprofits such as PEN America and MoveOn.org.

TOTAL DIVERTED DUES: \$221M

• NEA: \$152 million

• AFT: \$69 million

WHY IT MATTERS?

Teachers' unions, funded by **compulsory dues**, have spent and are spending **hundreds of millions** of dollars on far-left and partisan groups while students struggle with **learning loss**, **plummeting test scores**, and teacher shortages.

Union leadership continues to **prioritize ideology over education.**

TOP 5 RECEIPIENTS:

1. State Engagement Fund - \$54 million

2. For Our Future Action Fund - \$31 million

3. State Victory Fund - \$21 million

4. Senate Majority PAC - **\$10 million**

5. House Majority PAC - **\$9 million**

OTHER NOTABLE EXAMPLES:

- Clinton Foundation \$1 million
- EMILY's List \$1.1 million
- Democratic Governors Association \$875 million
- Democracy Alliance \$3 million
- Media Matters \$300,000
- MoveOn.org \$623,000