

## “What do I get for my dues?”

Membership in the association is NOT like purchasing a commodity. Membership in a union of professional employees is NOT a purchase. Dues are the members' share of the costs of implementing your Association's programs which protect and advance YOUR interests.

*“What do I get for my dues?”*

1. Protecting your rights
2. Supporting programs to improve your economic welfare
3. Promoting and safeguarding better teaching and working conditions for you
4. Keeping you informed
5. Enhancing professional development
6. Seeking public support of the schools by advancing the cause of public education.

*“What do I get for my dues?”* becomes focused when balanced against similar questions if they are raised in parallel situations, for example:

QUESTION		RESPONSE
What do I get for my life insurance premiums?	→	An estate for my loved ones when I die.
What do I get for my home insurance premiums?	→	Nothing, unless my home burns down or if I suffer some other covered loss.
What do I get for automobile insurance premiums?	→	Nothing, unless I have an accident.
<b>What do I get for my dues?</b>	<b>→</b>	<b>Literally thousands of volunteers and professionals working on my behalf at all levels of government to protect my job, to increase my salary and fringe benefits, to protect and improve my retirement system, to make my views known at all levels, to make my job easier to do and more rewarding as an occupational choice, in short – CAREER INSURANCE</b>