



CTA/NEA-Retired Northbay

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Northbay Members,

We know what is happening in other states relative to the attacks on teaching and curriculum. Often we think, that's nothing I can do to stop it, but there is; we received this invitation to participate from our Florida affiliate and our president, Orval Garrison.

“Our affiliate and members in Florida have an ask of all NEA members and allies - and they want us to spread widely! **On 3/7 (that's March 7th). FEA is requesting that we join them for the 3-7 Challenge. 3/7 starts the legislative session and they want to storm the Capital with calls and emails from in AND out of state. This is where you all come in. That's this Wednesday.**

Please support our colleagues in FLORIDA. When the legislative session starts next week, FEA, other unions and allies will be fighting for freedoms for Florida's students and educators. We know this will not end in Florida, so our strong advocacy is critical.

Day of Action: The 3-7 Challenge

What's the “3-7 Challenge”? [The 3-7 Challenge](http://www.feaweb.org/action/the-3-7-challenge/) will take place on March 7 (aka 3/7) and is a day of action challenging supporters of Florida's public education system to make three phone calls and send seven emails to Florida's elected officials. You can find out more by going to www.feaweb.org/action/the-3-7-challenge/.

March 7 is the start of Florida's 2023 legislative session, and some elected officials have promised to pass legislation that will limit the fundamental freedoms of Florida's students, teachers, education staff professionals, and higher education faculty. In response, we are asking all Florida Education Association (FEA) and United Faculty of Florida (UFF) members to participate in a statewide public education day of action that we are calling the 3-7 Challenge to show support for educators and the future of education in our state.

The two links have all the information you will need to make contact.

Hold the date. Our next Northbay Meeting is Tuesday, March 28th. More information will follow.