

## Handbook for Laid-Off School Employees

### IV. NEA Membership and Member Benefits

NEA Member Benefits provides you with many solutions to the financial aspects of daily living such as auto and home insurance, credit cards, retirement supplement plans and consumer discounts. These programs are provided through your unified membership in NEA, NEA-NH and your local association. If you are laid off, there is no better time to consider the value of maintaining your association with NEA Member Benefits by holding *reserve status membership* with your local association.

Reserve status membership dues are just 25 percent of the cost of those for active members. Reserve status gives you complete access to the financial services and discounted rates provided through NEA Member Benefits. It also provides you with representation through the recall process of your former position, or as you seek a new position.

If you currently take advantage of any NEA Member Benefits insurance programs, it is also necessary to maintain reserve status in order to remain on these plans. Some programs offer alternative payment options should you be laid off. Contact NEA-NH or NEA Member Benefits for more information.

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