Follow the Money:

Teacher contracts are negotiated at the local level. What are state and national union officials doing with all the money they collect?

WEA members/fee payers: 72,406

Average dues: $745.00 each
    ($130 - NEA)
    ($352 - WEA)
    ($263 - local/regional, estimated)

Annual revenue: **$53.9 million** from Washington state educators

EFF estimates that only 20% of this amount is spent on traditional, "chargeable" union activities: collective bargaining, contract negotiation, and grievance adjustment.

Amount left for politics and other purposes: $43.2 million
    ($86.4 million per two-year election cycle)

2000-01
National Education Association

NEA admits...
Officials admitted to spending at least $105 million (or 45% of total revenue) on activities not related to collective bargaining ("nonchargeable"). At an arbitration hearing to contest the nonchargeable percentage, the NEA representative admitted that the NEA provides no direct services to members.

From this $105 million at least $3.9 million came from Washington teachers. (69,200 members in 2000-01, multiplied by 45% of each member's $126 dues.)

EFF estimates...
Based on our investigation of union financial documents, we believe the amount of dues spent on nonchargeable activities is closer to 100% of total revenue.

Washington Education Association

WEA admits...
Officials admitted spending $5,063,039 (25.6% of total revenues) in dues on activities not related to collective bargaining.

EFF estimates...
Based on our investigation of union financial documents, we believe the amount of dues spent on nonchargeable activities is closer to 80% of total revenue.

Local/Regional (UniServ Dues)

WEA admits...
Union officials typically refund 9% of all local/regional dues as nonchargeable activities.

EFF estimates...
Based on EFF's estimates, members paid about $263 each for local and regional dues in 2000-01. Based on our investigation of union documents, we believe the amount of dues spent on nonchargeable activities is closer to 70%.