

# 5 GREAT REASONS TO JOIN ACOE

- 1) ACOE believes teachers should have a **CHOICE** in the professional organization they belong to. Alabama is a Right-To-Work state, you do not have to belong to a union to work in Alabama.
  - ACOE **IS NOT** a union.
  - ACOE **DOES NOT** send any portion of your membership fees to any national affiliate or union.
  - **All** of your membership fees stay in Alabama, benefiting Alabama Educators and Alabama Students.
  
- 2) ACOE believes teachers should have a **CHOICE** in any politicians or political parties they might or might not **CHOOSE** to support.
  - ACOE **DOES NOT** contribute to any political party or endorse any political candidate.
  - ACOE **DOES NOT** tell you who you should vote for or how you should vote on any issues.
  
- 3) ACOE believes teachers should have a **CHOICE** in any charities, agendas, or **PACs** they might or might not **CHOOSE** to support.
  - ACOE **DOES NOT** contribute to any charities, agendas, or **PACs**.
  
- 4) ACOE membership fees include **\$1 Million Professional Educators LIABILITY INSURANCE** and **LEGAL ASSISTANCE** for education related legal cases -- **WIN or LOSE - NO UPFRONT COSTS**.
  - ACOE members have access to immediate, professional legal counsel and assistance in times of need.
  
- 5) ACOE **DOES** save our members about \$300 per year as our membership fees are only **\$189 per year** or **\$15.75 per month** (visit [www.acoe.us](http://www.acoe.us) to see how you can get your entire membership fees refunded during our membership drive!). We accept payroll deduction (see our website for a list of participating systems), monthly check drafts, or payment in full by check or credit card.

**The deadline to resign from the union and stop your dues withholding is SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>.** Check with your system to determine their requirements.

## **GIVE YOURSELF A RAISE!!!**

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