



**Please Join Us for Lunch**  
**May 23, 2018**

***“As Long as it Takes”***  
***Educators Taking a Stand Across the Nation***

**Mary Kusler**

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National Education Association (NEA)**



From West Virginia to Oklahoma and beyond, educators are speaking up for their students, their public schools, their communities and themselves. They are showing up in statehouses and city halls to demand that, after years of cuts, education funding must be a top priority for state and local governments. These discontents have been simmering for years. They are not about to go away. Join us to hear Mary Kusler, a national leader in this movement, review its progress and assess its prospects.

As Senior Director of the Center for Advocacy at the NEA, Mary Kusler is deeply involved in the emerging reforms in education. Mary oversees NEA's advocacy work on behalf of students representing over 3 million educators nationally. And she currently chairs the Board of Directors of the State Innovation Exchange, which supports state legislators nationally in advancing and defending progressive policies across the country.

Prior to joining NEA as Director of Government Relations, Mary was assistant director of policy and advocacy for the American Association of School Administrators, which represents more than 13,000 school superintendents and local educational leaders before Congress. She has a master's degree in public policy from at George Mason University and a bachelor's degree in theatre and politics from Fairfield University.



- **Time:** Sign-in begins 11:30; Lunch 12:00; Presentation and Q&A 12:45 - 1:30 PM
- **Prices:** Students \$20; Members \$25; Non-members \$30.
- **Pre-register & pay online:** Go to [www.dclera.org](http://www.dclera.org).
- **Walk-ins OK:** *BUT*...please register in advance by emailing your name and affiliation to Jackie Brown at [jbrown@teamster.org](mailto:jbrown@teamster.org) so we can order enough food.
- **Venue:** The historic **Whittemore House** (operated by the Woman's National Democratic Club) at 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, just one block from Dupont Circle and its Red Line Metro station.