

## **Unlimited, Full, Fair Collective Bargaining Our Freedom, Our Right to Negotiate Together**

Last week, WEAC joined state legislators and our union allies to announce legislation that would empower educators and other public employees to pull together and engage in free and fair negotiations with our employers.

The bill, LRB-4911, would remove all restrictions for negotiating salaries, wages, hours, benefits and working conditions. For teachers, preparation time and teacher evaluation systems would become mandatory subjects of bargaining. Also, annual recertification elections would be repealed.

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"Make no mistake, when educators don't have the freedom to stand up for themselves, it hurts our students," WEAC President Ron "Duff" Martin said. "When educators are forced to live by a law that tells them to do what they are told and keep their mouth shut, it hurts. It hurts students."

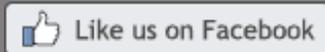
The bill was introduced by Senator Chris Larson and Representatives Chris Taylor and Jonathan Brosthoff.

Momentum is building to reestablish collective bargaining rights for educators at least equal to those currently enjoyed by police and firefighters. However, the current legislature is controlled by opponents of the freedom to negotiate due to severe gerrymandering and "fixed" elections. As a result we're not likely to see any bill pass the legislature until we return to fair legislative maps following the 2020 census. This is one reason why electing Governor Evers in 2018 was so important. [Learn More about Collective Bargaining.](#)



In the meantime, we need to build support to make sure that Governor Evers and current and future legislators know they have our backing. Now is the time to build the movement that we need to reestablish free and fair negotiations over our compensation and teaching conditions.

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