

# Phillip Murray

## Missouri NEA President

Missouri NEA Pres. Phillip Murray is a 29-year veteran of the Poplar Bluff Public Schools, where he taught elementary grades three through six.

As MNEA president, Murray works full time for the 33,000-member state affiliate of the National Education Association, chairing the MNEA Board of Directors and the Representative Assemblies, serving as the official spokesperson for the association, attending the Education Roundtable and various other meetings. He also works with local leaders and members throughout the state.

Murray has been active in his local community serving as the teacher representative on the Poplar Bluff Foundation Board, a site coordinator for the Safe Schools Healthy Students grant, the treasurer for a successful bond Issue (Kids First Campaign), and a committee member for multiple bond and tax initiatives. He served as Poplar Bluff's local MNEA president for 12 years and represented his local at multiple MNEA Representative Assemblies.

Murray served on the Missouri NEA Board of Directors for 11 years and has chaired multiple committees, including the Credentials Committee and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. He served on the MNEA Representative Assembly Task Force and the MNEA Dues Task Force.

In 2011, Murray was elected to represent Missouri on the NEA Board of Directors. While on the board he was elected to serve on the New Business Item Committee and the Budget Committee. Murray chaired the NEA UniServ Advisory Committee for several years.

Murray is a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University and has master's degrees in education and history from Southwest Baptist University and Southeast Missouri State University.