

WHAT DOES POLITICS HAVE TO DO WITH MY CLASSROOM?

When you are born someone appointed by an elected official registers your birth, and when you die someone else appointed by an elected official records your death. In between the cradle and the grave elected officials and their appointees determine:

- ◆ The qualifications and certification you need to teach,
- ◆ The size of your class,
- ◆ Whether you can have the Association represent you,
- ◆ The amount of your pension,
- ◆ Whether you have tenure,
- ◆ The textbooks you may use,
- ◆ The salary you earn,
- ◆ The cost of your healthcare,
- ◆ The school budget and how it is appropriated,
- ◆ Your workload/caseload,
- ◆ The school calendar,
- ◆ Your retirement benefits,
- ◆ The amount of testing,
- ◆ School repairs, upgrades, and new construction.

