

## **Bill Raabe**

### **Director, Center for Great Public Schools National Education Association**

Bill Raabe is NEA's Director of the Center for Great Public Schools. In this position he will lead NEA's efforts to focus its work to be the leading organization in the current research, policy, and practice debates around public education.

Mr. Raabe's career with the association includes time spent as a local leader, state affiliate staff, Director of Collective Bargaining in his home state, NEA Affiliate, Education Minnesota, the Director of NEA's Collective Bargaining & Member Advocacy department, and the Manager of NEA's training division. In these positions he has bargained hundreds of school employee contracts using traditional and interest-based processes, advocated for school employees at the local and legislative level, researched school employee compensation and compensation strategies, and authored articles on the use of collective bargaining to improve teaching and learning conditions and student achievement.

Bill has a degree in education, spent seven years in the classroom, and completed his graduate work in the areas of school finance, school business management, the conditions of quality teaching and learning, and has earned a certificate in Organization Development from the National Training Laboratory.

Outside of work, Bill is an avid runner and has completed over forty marathons and hundreds of shorter races.